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AdventHealth Training Center raises the bar in every category of team preparation. Players are able to enjoy an expansive and luxurious locker room, and a separate weight room building brimming with equipment. The team's training center is outfitted with everything necessary to keep players in top condition, from a large rehab area to a hydrotherapy room.

The facility also includes a comfortable team auditorium and player classrooms, press conference studio, media workroom and a modern, bright dining room where players and staff are able to take advantage of healthily prepared meals and snacks.

On the second story, the team's business staff operates, focusing on everything from community impact to accounting to marketing. Coaching offices and the Buccaneers' front office staff are also located on the second floor, overlooking AHTC's three full-sized practice fields.

In addition to the main facility, the new state-of-the-art indoor practice facility was completed prior to the 2017 season. The 100,000-square-foot facility features a full-sized FieldTurf playing surface, has an indoor clearance of 96 feet and seating for up to 3,500 guests. The space is used frequently for walkthroughs, practices, select training camp viewing sessions and several other major events hosted at AdventHealth Training Center over the course of the year. The facility provides players and coaching staff members with the luxury of escaping Florida's extremely hot and humid conditions and avoid missed practices due to inclement weather.

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Wide receiver Jalen McMillan's seven touchdowns over his final five games of the season were tied for the most by any Buccaneer over a five-game span in club history, joining Mike Evans (2021) and Jimmie Giles (1985)

McMillan's five game stretch with a receiving touchdown is tied for the second-longest streak by a rookie in NFL history, trailing only Hall of Famer Randy Moss (six).

In Week 18, the final game of the season, wide receiver Mike Evans tied Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice's record for most consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons in NFL history (11).

From Weeks 7-9, Cade Otton became the first tight end in franchise history with eight-or-more receptions in three consecutive games

On September 29, Lavonte David surpassed 1,500+ tackles during the Buccaneers Week 4 victory against the Eagles. David joins Buccaneers Hall of Famer Derrick Brooks as the only players in franchise history to reach the milestone.

Safety Antoine Winfield Jr. recovered a fumble for a 58-yard touchdown in the first quarter of the Tampa Bay win on the road against the Saints.

Bucky Irving led the 2024 NFL Rookie class in scrimmage yards (1,514), rushing yards (1,122) and rushing touchdowns (eight).

Rookie running back Bucky Irving's 1,514 yards from scrimmage surpassed Warrick Dunn (1,440 yards in 1997) for second-most yards from scrimmage by a rookie in team history

Rookie center Graham Barton was 1-of-5 centers to play 1,000+ snaps and allow one-or-fewer sacks.

Following a Week 18 win against New Orleans, the Buccaneers clinched the NFC South title, earning their fourth consecutive division championship title.

Vita Vea recorded a sack in three straight games across Weeks 4-6, finishing the season with the second-most sacks on the team (7.0).

In Week 14, Rachaad White surpassed Warrick Dunn and James Wilder for the second-most receiving touchdowns (nine) by a running back in franchise history.

Bucky Irving (1,514) and Rachaad White (1,006) were 1-of-2 running back duos with 1,000+ total yards from scrimmage each.

In 2024, Tampa Bay amassed 400+ yards of offense in a game 10 different times – tied with the Baltimore Ravens for the most 400-yard outings in the NFL.

Defensive back Tykee Smith led all rookies with three forced fumbles in 2024.

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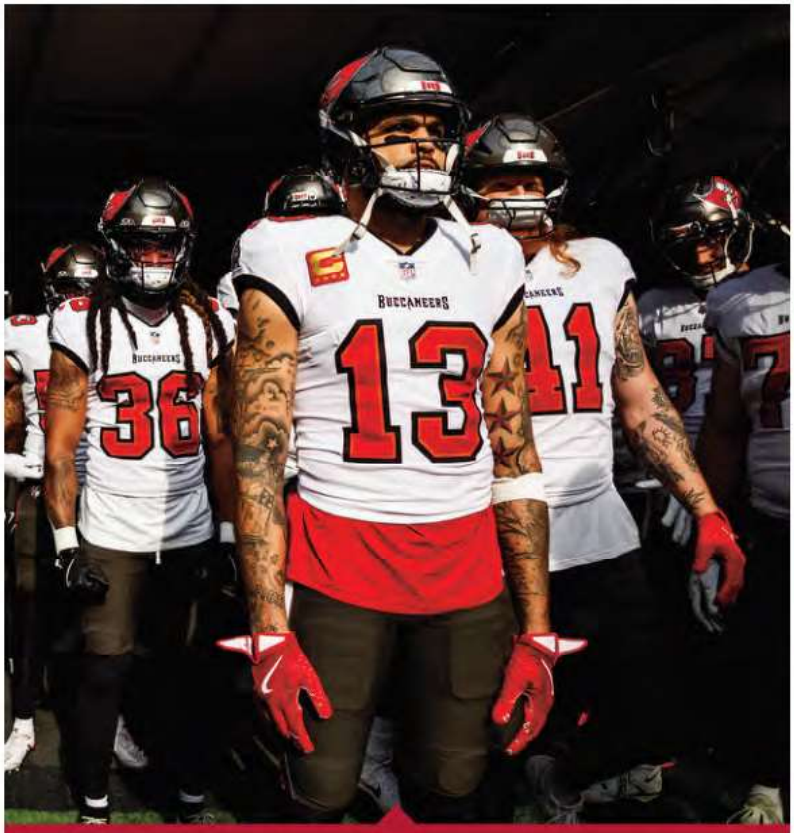
Kicker Chase McLaughlin's career 93.7% clip with Tampa Bay is the highest career field goal percentage in franchise history (minimum of 50 attempts).

Tackle Tristan Wirfs became the first player in NFL history to earn first-team All-Pro honors at both left and right tackle.

Zyon McCollum finished the 2024 season ranking tied for third in the NFL with 17 passes defensed.



The Buccaneers became the first team in NFL history to complete 70% of their passes and average over five yards per carry throughout the course of the entire season.

Defensive tackle Calijah Kancey led the team with 7.5 sacks.

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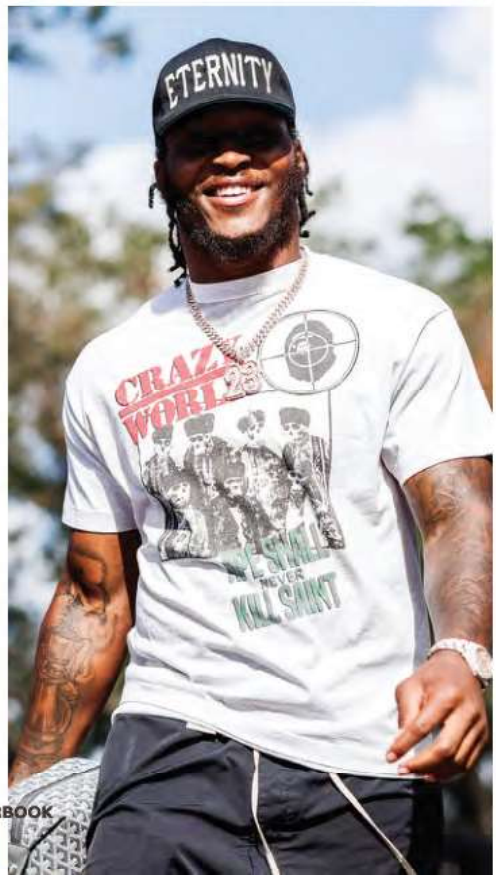

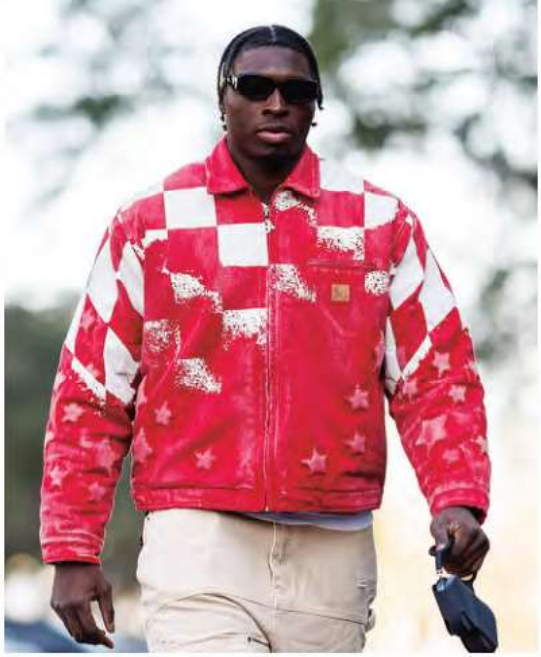

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WFLA	WFLA	FOX	FOX	CBS

WEEK 10	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 18
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STARTERS DRAFTED IN 2024
(T-Most in NFL)

11
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SINCE 2022 UNDER
TODD BOWLES

3
CONSECUTIVE NFC SOUTH TITLES

3
CONSECUTIVE PLAYOFF BERTHS

27
REGULAR-SEASON WINS IN 3 YEARS
(2ND MOST IN TEAM HISTORY)

SINCE 2019
DEFENSIVE RANKINGS

93.8
1ST IN RUSH YARDS PER GAME

68
1ST IN FUMBLE RECOVERIES

4.0
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281.0
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OWNER/CO-CHAIRMAN

BRYAN GLAZER

Owner/Co-Chairman Bryan Glazer enters his 31st year with the Buccaneers, working tirelessly to support the Buccaneers franchise and brand. Possessing an acute business sense, Glazer oversees many of the day-to-day operations of the club and has shaped the Buccaneers into one of the most recognizable and successful franchises in the National Football League. Over the three decades, he has also evolved into one of Tampa Bay's top community leaders through his dedicated commitment to a variety of philanthropic endeavors.

The Glazer family's signing of six-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady, along with the acquisition of other high-profile free agents during the 2020 offseason, set the stage for the franchise's historic run to its second world championship. The Buccaneers finished the regular season with an 11-5 record and posted a franchise-record eight-game winning streak which culminated with an appearance and eventual victory in Super Bowl LV.

On February 7, 2020, the Buccaneers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 31-9 at Raymond James Stadium, earning the distinction as the first team in NFL history to win a Super Bowl in its home stadium. Under the Glazer family's leadership, the Buccaneers have totaled eight division titles, two conference championships, and are just the 15th NFL franchise to win multiple Super Bowls. In the time since the family's purchase of the team in 1995, only three other ownership groups have claimed multiple Super Bowl victories. Prior to the Glazer family's ownership, the team advanced to the postseason just three times from 1976-94.

On January 26, 2003, in just their eighth year of ownership, the Glazer family was on hand in San Diego, California for the franchise's first world championship as Tampa Bay claimed its first NFL title with a 48-21 victory over Oakland in Super Bowl XXXVII. The Buccaneers, who were making their first appearance in the NFL's championship game, also claimed the first-ever NFC South title in 2002, then the fourth division crown in team history. In addition to the 1999 NFC Central Division title, Tampa Bay has also won the NFC South in 2005, 2007, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

An instrumental figure in his family's purchase of the Buccaneers in 1995, Glazer has been a driving force in improving every aspect of the club's influence, both nationally and in the Tampa Bay region.

His dedication to the Bay area was also highlighted by his leadership in the construction of Raymond James Stadium, which successfully hosted Super Bowl XXXV in 2001, Super Bowl XLIII in 2009, and Super Bowl LV in 2020. Glazer played an integral role in helping to lure the 2009 game to Tampa Bay, speaking to NFL owners on behalf of the team and the community at the NFL League meetings in May 2005. During the 2017 offseason, Glazer once again played a major part in positioning Tampa Bay as the top option to host Super Bowl LV in 2021, when it was decided that Los Angeles would not be able to meet the criteria for hosting the game due to stadium construction delays. Tampa Bay has hosted three Super Bowls since the family's purchase of the team and Glazer remains committed to pursuing future Super Bowls for the area. Glazer also serves on the NFL's Media Owned and Operated Committee, and in August of 2024, he joined the Board of Directors for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Prior to the 2022 season, Glazer played a pivotal role in the decision to name Todd Bowles as the team's new head coach following the retirement of Bruce Arians. Bowles has gone on to lead the Buccaneers to three consecutive NFC South division titles, becoming the first head coach in franchise history to accomplish that feat.

Glazer's innovative approach to business and penchant for thinking outside the box has resulted in many new developments for the club, including the creation of the Pewter Partners program, which rewards the Buccaneers' corporate partners with superior advertising packages and unprecedented customer service.

Glazer has also distinguished himself as one of Tampa Bay's top philanthropists and, in the spring of 2016, was honored with induction into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame in recognition of his business achievements and community leadership in and around the region.

In 2010, the Glazer Children's Museum opened in downtown Tampa thanks in large part to a $5 million donation from the Glazer Family Foundation. Glazer is on the Board of Directors for the award-winning museum which has served the children of Tampa Bay through educational programming. Glazer is also a member of the Moffitt Cancer Center National Board of Advisors and has served as chairman of the American Heart Association's annual Heart Ball.

He also serves as a Board Member for the Glazer Vision Foundation which has performed more than 200,000 free eye screenings and provided more than 20,000 free prescription eyeglasses to children in need.

Glazer has also played a large role in the redevelopment of West Tampa through a $4 million donation that led to the construction of the Shanna and Bryan Glazer JCC. The Center, which opened in December of 2016, has provided a wide array of community programming and serves as a key anchor for the area.

The Glazer family has also offered support and resources during challenging times in the Tampa Bay region. In the days following Hurricane Helene in September of 2024, the Glazer family donated $1 million to support local relief efforts. After the area suffered additional devastation from the effects of Hurricane Milton just two weeks later, the family created the Glazer Family Small Business Fund which made an additional $1 million available to hundreds of small businesses in the Tampa Bay and West Central Florida areas. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Glazer family provided 5 million meals through a donation to Feeding Tampa Bay, which was the largest single donation of meals to the program at the time. The family also pledged $100,000 to the One Tampa: Relief Now, Rise Together Fund and another $100,000 to the City of St. Petersburgh's Fighting Chance Fund.

In 2024, Shanna and Bryan Glazer donated $2 million to Berkeley Preparatory School's endowment for teachers in an effort to ensure the adequate compensation necessary to attract and retain high-quality teachers who foster a more effective learning environment.

Glazer also serves on the Board of Manchester United, which has captured five Premier League titles (2007, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2013), as well as the 2008 Champions League title during his tenure.

Glazer earned his bachelor's degree in broadcast communications from American University in 1986, prior to completing his law degree from Whittier College School of Law in 1989. He resides in Tampa with his wife, Shanna, and their two children.

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EDWARD GLAZER

Entering his 31st season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2025, Owner and Co-Chairman Edward Glazer plays an active role in the team's day-to-day business operations. Glazer has been instrumental in shaping the organization's fan-first philosophy and has led numerous initiatives that have significantly enhanced the Buccaneers' brand, fan experience, and business operations.

Under Glazer's leadership, the Buccaneers have consistently ranked at the top of the NFL's annual Voice of the Fan survey. Over the past 13 seasons, the team has earned the No. 1 spot in overall customer satisfaction 11 times—more than any other franchise—reflecting an unwavering commitment to fan engagement.

As the Buccaneers prepared to celebrate their 50th season, Glazer spearheaded a year-long campaign honoring the franchise's storied history. He produced a multi-part documentary series featuring more than 100 interviews with players, coaches, and team legends, as well as a commemorative OPUS book chronicling the team's rich legacy.

Glazer has led the design and rollout of all recent Buccaneers uniform launches, including the return of the original pewter look from 1997, the acclaimed return of the team's iconic Creamsicle throwbacks in 2024, and the all-white, 1976-era throwback uniforms which debuted in 2025. These efforts have thoughtfully bridged the team's historic identity with its modern era, resonating deeply with fans across generations.

Glazer also leads oversight of all revenue-generating operations at Raymond James Stadium, including ticketing, premium seating, and concessions. Under his direction, the organization has implemented innovative pricing strategies, expanded premium inventory, and enhanced the guest experience—positioning the Buccaneers among the league's leaders in stadium fan satisfaction.

Along with his siblings, his strategic leadership was pivotal during the 2020 offseason, when the Buccaneers signed quarterback Tom Brady in what became one of the most impactful free-agent acquisitions in NFL history. That move, along with other key signings, led to the team's historic victory in Super Bowl LV—the first time an NFL team won the championship on its home field. The Glazer family has now delivered two Super Bowl titles, eight division championships, 12 playoff appearances, and two NFC Championships since acquiring the team.

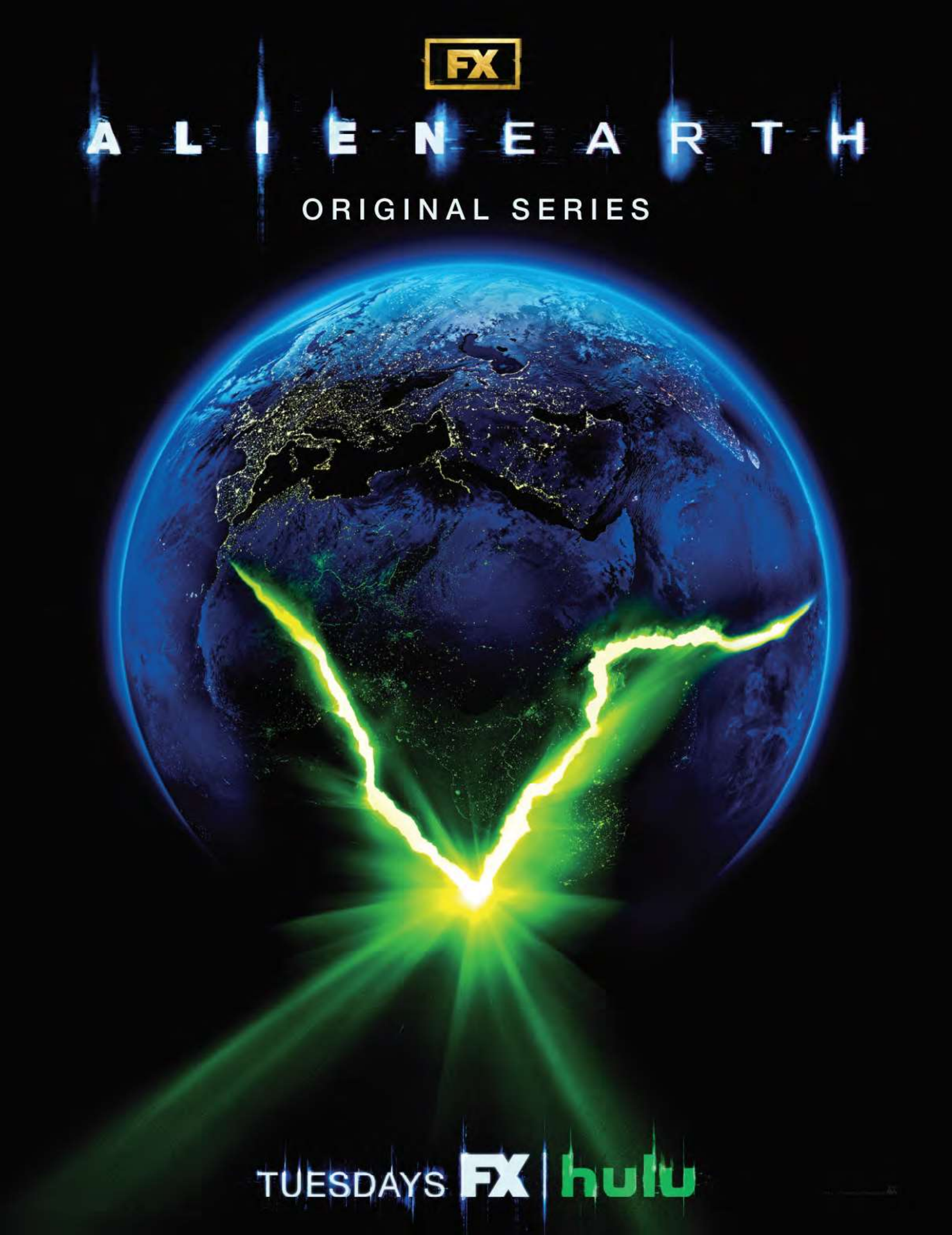
Glazer also played a central role in the $160 million renovation of Raymond James Stadium, modernizing the facility with cutting-edge video displays, premium seating clubs, a full-service sports bar (Bar 76), and a flagship retail store. These upgrades enhanced the in-stadium experience and transformed the venue into one of the league's premier game-day environments. Additionally, the Glazer family constructed a state-of-the-art, climate-controlled indoor practice facility with seating for over 3,000 fans.

Beyond football, Glazer and his family have made a lasting impact on the Tampa Bay community. Their philanthropic initiatives include the Glazer Children's Museum, recognized as one of the top children's museums in the country, and the Glazer Family Playground at the St. Petersburg Pier. The family has also contributed millions of dollars to hurricane relief efforts, in addition to donating over five million meals through Feeding Tampa Bay during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their support included the creation of the Glazer Family Small Business Fund in 2024, which benefited hundreds of local businesses throughout the Tampa Bay and West Central Florida region.

Through the Edward and Shari Glazer Charitable Trust, Glazer and his wife, Shari, support a wide range of causes, including the Elton John AIDS Foundation, the Braille Institute, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art. They also created the B.F.F. Bear Program, which has donated tens of thousands of teddy bears to children in pediatric hospitals.

Outside of the NFL, Glazer serves on the board of Manchester United, one of the most globally recognized sports franchises. He is also the founder and CEO of both US Auto Trust, a luxury automotive group with dealership holdings across California, and US Property Trust, a national real estate investment company.

A proud graduate of Ithaca College, Glazer supported the construction of the Edward and Shari Glazer Arena, a centerpiece of the college's athletics and events complex.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OWNER/CO-CHAIRMAN

JOEL GLAZER

Owner/Co-Chairman Joel Glazer is entering his 31st season overseeing the day-to-day operations of the franchise, along with other members of the Glazer family.

After working alongside his father Malcolm to successfully acquire the Tampa Bay Buccaneers franchise in 1995, Glazer worked tirelessly in conjunction with his brother, Bryan, to build a community consensus for local approval of what would become Raymond James Stadium. The Glazers set out to design a stadium deemed worthy of a first-class organization, thereby creating a winning environment and revolutionizing fan experience and comfort.

Since assuming his current role with the club, the Buccaneers have made 12 playoff appearances, including a stretch from 1999-2002 in which Tampa Bay was the only team in the league to appear in the postseason all four years. Under the Glazer family's leadership, the Buccaneers have won eight division titles, two NFC Championships and two Super Bowls.

Prior to the 2020 season, Glazer helped engineer the boldest free agent signing in franchise history with the acquisition of six-time Super Bowl champion quarterback Tom Brady. The signing, along with the addition of a number of other key players, immediately transformed the Buccaneers into title contenders and set the stage for the team's historic victory in Super Bowl LV. When the Buccaneers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 31-9 on February 7, 2021, at Raymond James Stadium, it marked the first time in NFL history that a team had won a Super Bowl on its home field. Previous to that, the franchise's other signature historical moment occurred at the conclusion of the 2002 season when Tampa Bay claimed its first NFL title with a 48-21 victory over the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl XXXVII on January 26, 2003, in San Diego. The Buccaneers, who were making their first appearance in the NFL's championship game, also claimed the first-ever NFC South title in 2002, then the fourth division crown in team history. Tampa Bay also took the NFC South in 2005, 2007, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

On January 8, 2019, the Glazer family hired two-time Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year Bruce Arians as the team's head coach. During three memorable seasons at the helm in Tampa Bay, Arians finished his time with the Buccaneers as the franchise leader in winning percentage (.633) by a head coach, surpassing Tony Dungy. After Arians transitioned into a front office role, Glazer was then part of the decision-making process that elevated Todd Bowles from defensive coordinator to head coach ahead of the 2022 NFL season. In each of Bowles' first three seasons at the helm, the Buccaneers captured the NFL South title. Bowles and General Manager Jason Licht were rewarded with contract extensions during the 2025 offseason, securing the leadership tandem behind the Buccaneers' NFC-high five consecutive playoff appearances and four straight division championships.

Glazer represents the franchise at all league meetings and is very active in a wide range of NFL matters. He currently serves as Chairman of the NFL International Committee, as well as being a member of the following other NFL committees: Finance Committee, Media Committee, NFL Management Council Executive Committee, and Legalized Sports Betting Committee.

Glazer also played an integral role in Tampa's selection to host Super Bowl XXXV in 2001, Super Bowl XLIII in 2009 and Super Bowl LV in 2021.

Glazer has been very active in the Tampa Bay community through the Glazer Family Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting underserved segments of the Tampa Bay community. The Foundation donated $5 million toward the construction of the Glazer Children's Museum which opened in downtown Tampa in 2010. In 2020, the Foundation provided the lead gift for the Glazer Family Playground at the St. Petersburg Pier, a district that has become a destination amenity for thousands of children and families. For its wide-reaching charitable efforts, the Tampa Bay Sports Commission named the Glazer Family Foundation the Foundation of the Year at the inaugural Sneaker Soiree held in 2011.

During times of crisis, the Glazer family has also regularly stepped up to assist the Tampa Bay community. At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Glazer family provided 5 million meals through a donation to Feeding Tampa Bay. In 2024, they donated a total of $2 million for local hurricane relief efforts and created the Glazer Family Small Business Funds which provided financial grants to hundreds of local businesses in the Tampa Bay and West Central Florida areas.

Glazer also serves as Co-Chairman of Manchester United, which has captured five Premier League titles (2007, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2013), one Champions League title (2008), four League Cups (2006, 2009, 2010, 2017), one FA Cup (2016), and one Europa League Championship (2017) during his tenure. His work with the club led to his naming as one of the Top 10 most influential Americans in the United Kingdom by The Telegraph.

Glazer earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from American University in 1989. The Rochester, New York, native is married to Angela, and the couple has two children.

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DARCIE GLAZER KASSEWITZ

Darcie Glazer Kassewitz is a leader and driving force behind the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' commitment to innovation, forward-thinking fan engagement and community impact. Overseeing the day-to-day operations in this work, she has galvanized the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to become nationally recognized leaders in expanding opportunities for women in football and for expanding pathways for coaches striving to break into the NFL.

Empowering Women in Sports

Through her dedication to innovative programming, Kassewitz launched "She is Football" in 2025, an annual campaign celebrating female fans and raising funds to help keep girls in sports. The inaugural "She is Football weekend" was a sold-out success attracting thousands featuring a women's career summit, girls flag football tournament, 5K run, walk & stroll, and a marketplace spotlighting female owned businesses.

Since 2015, Kassewitz has been leading efforts to deepen the Buccaneers connection with their fan base. She launched Women of Red, a pioneering program focused on enhancing the fan experience for women. Women of Red was deemed "the tipping point for a genuine connection to fans," attracting thousands of women and providing exclusive access to players, alumni, and executives. Under her stewardship, she has continued to expand the teams programming for women and girls including:

- The Women's Summit for Careers in Football
- The She is Football Collegiate Scholarship, the first academic college scholarship for girls who play football
- Girls Flag Football Preseason Classic, the largest event of its kind in the U.S. featuring over 109 teams and 2,100 athletes annually
- @BuccaneersFlag Instagram dedicated to thousands of flag football athletes in the region

Creating Pathways for Coaches

Kassewitz launched the Tampa Bay Buccaneers National Coaching Academy in 2024, a groundbreaking program to create new pathways and entry points for coaches seeking their first opportunity to work in the NFL. The ambitious and pioneering academy held at the Buccaneers training facility delivers candidates an intensive curriculum with full participation in Buccaneers rookie minicamp. Out of thousands of global applicants, 25 finalists were awarded full scholarships to participate. Five standout finalists were selected upon completion to advance into training camp and preseason to work alongside coaches and scouts.

Civic and Cultural Contributions

The Glazer family's long-standing commitment to children and families led to not only the opening of both the Glazer Children's Museum in 2010, named one of the the Top 10 museums in the country and now a cornerstone institution in downtown Tampa but also in 2020, the Glazer Family Playground at the St. Petersburg Pier, a signature 26 acre waterfront destination with over 2.5 million visitors each year.

Youth, Education and Community Impact

In times of crisis, the Glazer family has been a steadfast supporter of the community. To assist in the Covid-19 pandemic, the Glazer family provided 5 million meals through a donation to Feeding Tampa Bay, the largest donation of meals at the time. Following Hurricanes Helene and Milton, the Glazers donated millions to support local relief efforts.

Due to the family's longstanding belief in the small business community, Kassewitz spearheaded the creation of the Glazer Family Small Business Fund, a grant program supporting nearly 300 small businesses in Tampa Bay and West Central Florida.

In 2018, in support of Buccaneers players, the Glazer Family Player Matching Fund was created to honor and support players charitable donations and to invest in their charitable organizations throughout the region.

In 2024, the Glazers continued their commitment to children via the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Foundation by partnering with Hillsborough County Public Schools to install 135 outdoor shade covers and covered courts at all elementary schools. Through the Jr. Bucs School Program, nearly 200,000 students in 300 elementary and middle schools across the Tampa Bay receive access to wellness resources and fitness programming. On game-days, through the Krewe Student Athletes program, access to academic incentives were created for over 24,000 students who have been hosted at Buccaneers games.

Health and Vision Care

As Chair of the Glazer Vision Foundation, Kassewitz has helped ensure access to essential eye care for underserved children. Through the Mobile Vision Clinic, the Foundation has performed more than 200,000 free eye screenings and distributed over 20,000 pairs of prescription eyeglasses.

In 2025, the Foundation launched "Lets See!", an interactive bilingual exhibit at the Glazer Children's Museum that immerses children in the science of sight while highlighting the importance of vision health.

Her broader efforts to support families include leadership in the Glazer Family Foundation's investment in affordable housing, food insecurity and closing disparities in education. Through a multi-million-dollar gift to the AdventHealth Foundation, the family is also helping to improve healthcare in Tampa Bay.

Kassewitz's influence on the design of many of the signature spaces enjoyed by Buccaneers fans and players helped elevate the team's business headquarters and training facility. She helped spearhead the interior design of the AdventHealth Training Center which features in-depth exhibits that tell the story of the franchise, including an original sculpture titled "The Moment of Victory" which depicts the moment the team won its first World Championship in Super Bowl XXXVII. Additionally instrumental in the planning and design of the Buccaneers' 100,000-square-foot indoor practice facility it features more than 3,000 seats for fans to enjoy training camp practices and was debuted in 2018.

Under nearly three decades of the Glazer family's stewardship, the Buccaneers have logged 11 playoff appearances, seven division titles, two NFC Championships and are two time Super Bowl champions in both Super Bowl XXXVII (2002), and Super Bowl LV (2020).

Kassewitz is a member of the NFL's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and the NFL's Future of Football Committee. She is on the Board of Trustees of the Women's Sports Foundation, established in 1974 by Billie Jean King that has invested over $100 million to expand access and opportunities for girls and women in sports and has served as Co-Chairwoman of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Kassewitz serves on the Board of the Manchester United Soccer Club, which has captured six titles since the Glazer family took over the club: five Premier League titles (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011 and 2013), as well as the 2008 Champions League title.

Kassewitz graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from American University in 1990 and earned her Juris Doctorate from Suffolk Law School in 1993. Kassewitz and her husband, Joel, reside in Tampa.

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JASON LICHT

Jason Licht was named the fifth general manager in franchise history on January 21, 2014, and enters his 12th season at the helm, making him the fifth-longest tenured traditional general manager in the NFL. Licht owns more than two decades of scouting and player personnel experience with six organizations. In 29 NFL seasons, including one as a coach, the clubs that Licht has worked for have amassed a 250-221 (.531) record, 14 playoff appearances, 12 division championships, five conference championships and two Super Bowl titles.

Since Licht took over the general manager role in Tampa Bay in 2014, the Buccaneers lead the NFL in most snaps played (132,091) and most games started (1,873) by a team's own first through fifth round draft picks during that span, exhibiting his sustained success through the NFL Draft over his tenure. All 38 of Licht's first through sixth round draft picks from 2019-24 were on an NFL roster during the 2024 season, and the Buccaneers are the only team to have every such pick remain in the NFL over that span. Additionally, 40 of the 50 different players who have started a game for Tampa Bay from 2023-24 were homegrown players that were either drafted or originally acquired by Licht in undrafted free agency. The Buccaneers currently own the NFC's longest streaks of consecutive playoff appearances (five) and consecutive division titles (four), while tying for the conference's second-most total wins dating back to the start of the 2020 season (57). Tampa Bay is 1-of-3 NFL teams to have reached the playoffs in each of the past five seasons – alongside the Buffalo Bills and Kansas City Chiefs – and the team's 57 wins during that span are tied for the fourth-most across the NFL.

The 2025 offseason saw key re-signings from Licht and his staff in guard Ben Bredeson, linebacker Lavonte David and wide receiver Chris Godwin. With the re-signings of Bredeson and Godwin, Tampa Bay returned all 11 primary offensive starters from its 2024 roster. Bredeson – originally acquired by Licht as a free agent in 2024 – started all 17 games in his first season with the Buccaneers helping contribute to the NFL's third-ranked offense (399.6 total yards per game). Licht also bolstered the team's pass rush with the addition of two-time Pro Bowl outside linebacker Haason Reddick, who amassed four double-digit sack seasons over the five years prior to signing with Tampa Bay.

Following his extension during the 2024 offseason, Baker Mayfield became the first quarterback in franchise history with multiple Pro Bowl selections and he was accompanied in Orlando by a trio of former Licht draft picks in Mike Evans, Vita Vea and Tristan Wirfs. Wirfs also earned Associated Press first-team All-Pro honors, becoming the first player in league history to receive that distinction as both a right tackle and a left tackle. Evans surpassed 1,000 receiving yards for the 11th consecutive season, matching Jerry Rice's record for the most consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons in league annals.

Tampa Bay's 2024 draft class was one of Licht's most impactful from the start, producing four total starters: center Graham Barton, running back Bucky Irving, wide receiver Jalen McMillan and defensive back Tykee Smith. Barton became 1-of-3 rookie centers since 2000 to start 16+ games for a team that finished top five in rushing yards per game. Irving, a fourth-round pick, led the 2024 rookie class in yards from scrimmage (1,514), rushing yards (1,122) and rushing touchdowns (eight), earning a spot on the PFWA All-Rookie team – the 11th All-Rookie selection of Licht's tenure. Jalen McMillan tied for second among all rookies in receiving touchdowns (eight), which were highlighted a streak of five consecutive games with 50+ receiving yards and a receiving touchdown – the second-longest such streak in league history by a rookie, trailing only Randy Moss. Fellow third-round selection Tykee Smith was 1-of-4 players across the NFL in 2024 with three-plus forced fumbles, five-plus passes defensed and multiple interceptions, accompanied by a trio of Pro Bowl veterans.

In 2024, Licht locked in key 2023 free agent acquisition, quarterback Baker Mayfield, to a long-term contract extension following a season in which Mayfield was named to his first Pro Bowl and earned the PFWA Most Improved Player award. He was 1-of-2 players with 28+ passing touchdowns and 10-or-fewer interceptions in 2023, leading the Buccaneers to an NFC South division title and a spot in the NFC Divisional Round. Mayfield joined Tom Brady as the only players in team history to throw for 4,000+ yards, 25+ touchdowns and 10-or-fewer interceptions in a single season and capped off his first year with the Buccaneers by recording back-to-back postseason games with 300+ passing yards and three touchdowns. In addition to stabilizing the quarterback position, Licht re-signed franchise cornerstones linebacker Lavonte David, wide receiver Mike Evans and safety Antoine Winfield Jr., while bringing back fourth-round success story in safety Jordan Whitehead, who Licht originally drafted in 2018 and who became a starter on Tampa Bay's Super Bowl LV championship team.

With their performances during the 2023 season, Licht's 2014 and 2020 first-round draft picks – Evans and Wirfs – each earned Pro Bowl selections in 2023, in addition to 2020 second-round selection, Winfield Jr., earning AP first-team All-Pro accolades and Evans earning second-team All-Pro recognition. Evans notched his 10th consecutive season with 1,000 yards receiving and tied for the league lead in touchdown receptions (13). Winfield Jr. held a share of the league lead in both forced fumbles (six) and fumble recoveries (four), and became the first player since data became available in 1999 with 100+ tackles, three-plus interceptions, three-plus forced fumbles, three-plus fumble recoveries and 3.0+ sacks in a single season.

Throughout the 2023 offseason, Licht was tasked with navigating a complicated salary cap situation and finding a successor to Tom Brady following the quarterback's retirement, all while retooling a roster in search of its third consecutive NFC South division title. Through a series of extensions for inside linebacker Lavonte David, cornerback Jamel Dean and outside linebacker Anthony Nelson, plus value free agent signings in quarterback Baker Mayfield, running back Chase Edmonds, defensive lineman Greg Gaines and kicker Chase McLaughlin, Licht was able to successfully address team needs while abiding by league cap restrictions. McLaughlin was named first-team All-Pro by Pro Football Focus after setting a new single-season franchise record for field goal percentage (93.5%), converting 29-of-31 field goal opportunities in 2023.

The team's 2023 draft class produced seven players who played at least 13 games for Tampa Bay during their rookie season, providing the most total snaps by a 2023 NFL rookie class (5,560). First-round defensive lineman Calijah Kancey and third-round outside linebacker Yaya Diaby combined for 59 pressures, 22 tackles for loss, 20 quarterback hits and 11.5 sacks. Diaby led all rookies in tackles for loss in 2023, with 12, and tied for first in fumble recoveries (two), in addition to leading the Buccaneers in sacks. Meanwhile, Kancey was named the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month for November, finishing his rookie campaign tied for second among rookies in tackles for loss (10), tied for fourth in quarterback hits (12) and sixth in quarterback pressures (33). Second-round guard Cody Mauch started all 17 games for Tampa Bay in his rookie season, while sixth-round cornerback Josh Hayes led all NFL players in special teams tackles in 2023 (14).

Tampa Bay's 2022 season saw the Buccaneers earn their second consecutive NFC South division title, marking the first time in franchise history that the organization garnered back-to-back division championships. The 2022 campaign signaled the final season of Tom Brady's career, concluding a three-year span with Tampa Bay that saw him lead the Buccaneers to 32 regular season wins, five postseason wins, two division titles and one Super Bowl Championship after he was signed by Licht as a free agent during the 2020 offseason. Brady finished his time in Tampa Bay as the organization's all-time leader in passer rating (98.1) and completion percentage (66.7%), while ranking second in passing touchdowns (108), pass completions (1,376) and yards per attempt (7.10), and third in pass attempts (2,062) and passing yards (14,643). The 2022 season also saw 2020 draftee Tristan Wirfs named to his second Pro Bowl, while garnering second-team All-Pro honors.

Licht navigated the 2022 offseason swiftly despite the retirement announcement of two offensive mainstays in tight end Rob Gronkowski and guard Ali Marpet. The first move came in March when the Buccaneers announced a trade with the New England Patriots for guard Shaq Mason. Following the trade came several re-signings of foundational pieces Licht either drafted or acquired through free agency. Pro Bowl center Ryan Jensen was the first to re-sign with the team, followed by cornerback Carlton Davis III and running back Leonard Fournette. Licht also secured one of the league's best wide receivers when he reached a multi-year extension with his 2017 third-round pick Chris Godwin.

In 2021, quarterback Tom Brady helped lead the Buccaneers to a 13-4 record while recording the best statistical season of his 22-year career, leading the league in both yards (5,316) and touchdowns (43). Brady was protected by three Pro Bowlers in center Ryan Jensen, guard Ali Marpet, and tackle Tristan Wirfs. The trio combined for 3,369 snaps and only allowed five sacks. Adding to the No. 1-ranked passing offense, Mike Evans set a career-high in touchdown catches (14), finishing second in the NFL. Evans' historic year was highlighted by an eighth consecutive 1,000-yard receiving season and his fourth Pro Bowl selection.

Defensively, Licht constructed a unit with Pro Bowlers at every level, with Shaquil Barrett receiving his second selection as a Buccaneer and Vita Vea, Devin White, and Antoine

Winfield Jr. all receiving their first honor. In his third season, White led the team in total tackles (128) and tied for 10th in the NFL in solo tackles (87). Winfield Jr. led the league in fumble recoveries with three. Before wrapping up the regular season, Licht signed Vea to a contract extension, rewarding the nose tackle who bolstered the Buccaneers run defense to a top-three finish in three consecutive seasons from 2019-21.

During the 2021 offseason, Licht led the effort to retain all 22 starters from the Buccaneers' Super Bowl LV championship team, the first reigning champion to accomplish this feat in the salary cap era. This led to a franchise-record 13 regular-season wins and two home playoff games, including a Divisional Round appearance. Nine of those 22 starters were named to the Pro Bowl, tying a franchise record.

In 2020, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs, 31-9, at Raymond James Stadium in Super Bowl LV. Twelve of Tampa Bay's 22 starters in the Super Bowl were drafted by Licht, including all five members of the team's starting defensive backfield. All but two of the players on the team's championship roster were acquired by Licht. Brady, the game's most valuable player, was the most notable of many key acquisitions Licht made last offseason, propelling the Buccaneers to the second championship in franchise history.

In the 2020 regular season, Brady helped guide the team to an 11-5 record, while setting the franchise single-season record for touchdown passes, with 40. Brady also oversaw an offense that established franchise records for points scored (492) and total touchdowns (59).

Of the team's 14 postseason touchdowns, nine were scored by players acquired by Licht during the 2019 offseason, including all four touchdowns scored in Super Bowl LV. On the defensive side of the ball, outside linebackers Shaquil Barrett and Jason Pierre-Paul formed one of the league's most dominant pass-rushing duos, combining for the second-most sacks (45.5) by any NFL teammates from 2019-20.

Entering the 2020 season, Licht was able to make significant changes to the roster, despite offseason challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Licht spearheaded the Buccaneers' first-ever virtual draft by selecting seven players, including offensive tackle Tristan Wirfs at No. 13 overall. Wirfs was selected to the PFWA All-Rookie Team in 2020 alongside second-round pick Antoine Winfield Jr. The Buccaneers were the only team in the NFL to have multiple draft picks selected to the All-Rookie Team in consecutive seasons from 2019-20. Licht was able to keep the defensive front seven together by placing the franchise tag on outside linebacker Shaquil Barrett and re-signing defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh and outside linebacker Jason Pierre-Paul. Pierre-Paul went on to earn a Pro Bowl selection in 2020. The most significant change came in March after signing six-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback Tom Brady in free agency and conducting a trade with New England to bring five-time Pro Bowl tight end Rob Gronkowski out of retirement. The 2020 season saw Evans – Licht's first ever draft selection as general manager – become the first player in NFL history to record 1,000+ receiving yards in each of their first seven seasons.

In 2019, Evans' fellow receiver Chris Godwin posted his first career 1,000-yard season and earned AP's second-team All-Pro honors. That season, the duo became the first pair of receiver teammates voted to the Pro Bowl since Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin in 2009.

On the defensive side of the ball in 2019, outside linebacker Shaquil Barrett was named second team All-Pro and earned a Pro Bowl selection after setting a franchise record for single-season sacks with 19.5. Linebacker Devin White – the fifth overall pick in the 2019 NFL draft – was named Defensive Rookie of the Month in both November and December, in addition to making the PFWA All-Rookie Team alongside cornerback Sean Murphy-Bunting. Rookie cornerback Jamel Dean recorded 17 passes defensed, tied for the fourth-most in the NFL, while second-year cornerback Carlton Davis recorded 19 passes defensed, the second-most in the NFL.

During the 2019 offseason, Licht made a handful of changes to the team's defense, most notably adding free agent defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh, a five-time All-Pro and Pro Bowl selection. Suh – alongside 2018 first-round draft pick Vita Vea – helped anchor a Buccaneers defensive line that held opponents to the fewest rushing yards per game in 2019 (73.8 rush yards allowed per game). Licht also brought in outside linebacker Shaquil Barrett while spending the team's first five draft picks on the defensive side of the ball, including linebacker Devin White, selected with the fifth overall pick.

In 2019 offseason, Licht signed left tackle Donovan Smith to a contract extension, after having done the same with left guard Ali Marpet during the 2018 season. Marpet (61st overall) and Smith (34th overall) entered the league as second-round picks in the 2015 NFL Draft and went on to start 101 and 124 games, respectively for the Buccaneers in their careers.

In 2018, Mike Evans ranked third in the NFL in receiving yards and set a franchise single season record (1,524) one the way to earning his second career Pro Bowl selection. Prior to the 2018 season, Evans was rewarded with a contract extension.

In the 2018 offseason, Licht transformed the team's defensive line with the addition of Jason Pierre-Paul, Carl Nassib and Vita Vea. Pierre-Paul went on to lead the team in sacks with 12.5 – then the most by any Buccaneers player since 2005 (Simeon Rice, 14.0). Acquired through waivers from Cleveland, Nassib finished the season ranked second on the team in sacks, with 6.5. Five players from Licht's 2018 draft class were primary starters during the team's 2020 Super Bowl LV Championship season, including Vea (first round), cornerback Carlton Davis III (second round), running back Ronald Jones II (second round), guad Alex Cappa (third round) and safety Jordan Whitehead (fourth round).

In the 2017 NFL Draft, Licht selected three players who stepped into starting roles as rookies. The Buccaneers first-round pick, tight end O.J. Howard, started all 14 games he played in, tying for the team lead with six touchdown receptions – tied for the second-most among NFL rookies and the fourth-most ever by a Buccaneers rookie. The Buccaneers also got contributions from wide receiver Chris Godwin, who capped off his rookie season by earning NFC Offensive Player of the Week honors in Week 17 before becoming a full-time starter in 2018 and having putting forth his breakout season in 2019.

The Buccaneers finished the 2016 season at 9-7. Mike Evans earned his first career Pro Bowl selection after finishing the year with 96 catches for 1,321 yards and 12 touchdowns. His 12 touchdown catches tied his own franchise record (set in 2014) and were tied for the second-most in the NFL in 2016. His 96 catches were then the second-most in Buccaneers history and the sixth-most in the league that season, while his 1,321 yards were then the third-most ever by a Buccaneers player and ranked fourth in the NFL.

Another major contributor to the team's offense in 2016 was tight end Cameron Brate, who originally joined the team as a college free agent out of Harvard in 2014. Brate became an integral part of the Buccaneers offense over the course of his career, finishing with 273 receptions for 2,857 yards and 33 touchdowns in 126 games played for Tampa Bay. His 33 career touchdown receptions stand as the fourth-most in franchise history.

In 2015, Licht drafted quarterback Jameis Winston with the No. 1 overall pick. During Winston's five seasons with the team, he set franchise records for pass attempts (2,548), completions (1,563), passing yards (19,737) and passing touchdowns (121).

Licht joined the Buccaneers in 2014, on the heels of two seasons with Arizona as the vice president of player personnel, working under general manager Steve Keim, who earned NFL Executive of the Year honors from both Pro Football Talk and Sporting News. Licht's first draft pick with Tampa Bay, wide receiver Mike Evans, was selected seventh overall in the 2014 NFL Draft and went on to have a stellar rookie season, finishing with 68 receptions for 1,051 yards and 12 touchdowns and being named to the PFWA, NFL.com, ESPN.com and SI.com All-Rookie Teams.

Licht first worked for the Cardinals in 2008 as a personnel executive, before leaving to spend three seasons as director of pro personnel with New England. He returned to Arizona in 2012 as director of player personnel before being promoted to the vice president position.

In addition, Licht's career has intersected with some of the NFL's greatest head coaches, including Don Shula, Jimmy Johnson, Bill Belichick and Andy Reid. In all, Licht has worked alongside seven head coaches who have led a team to a Super Bowl (Shula, Johnson, Belichick, Reid, Bruce Arians, Pete Carroll, Lovie Smith, Ken Whisenhunt) and seven who have won AP Coach of the Year honors in their careers (Shula, Johnson, Belichick, Reid, Smith, Arians and Dom Capers).

While with Arizona, Licht worked directly with the head coach and general manager on player acquisition and contract negotiations, as well as leading the club's scouting efforts as he oversaw both the college and pro scouting departments. The 2013 season saw the Cardinals improve to 10-6 from a 5-11 campaign the previous year.

In 2008 Arizona won the NFC West and advanced to the Super Bowl. Licht then spent three seasons (2009-11) as director of pro personnel with the New England Patriots, where he was responsible for monitoring every NFL roster with an emphasis on scouting talent of upcoming pro free agents, while also maintaining depth on New England's roster. The Patriots were AFC East champions in each of those three seasons and advanced to the Super Bowl following the 2011 campaign.

Licht spent five years with the Philadelphia Eagles (2003-07), first serving as the club's assistant director of player personnel before being promoted to vice president of player personnel for his final two seasons. The team won three NFC East titles during that span and earned a berth in Super Bowl XXXIX.

Prior to joining Philadelphia, Licht enjoyed his first stint in New England, serving as a scout and assistant director of player personnel from 1999-2002, a stretch that included a victory in Super Bowl XXXVI. He was part of a front office that drafted core pieces of the team that won three Super Bowls in four seasons, such as Damien Woody, Kevin Faulk, Tom Brady, Richard Seymour, Matt Light, and Deion Branch.

Licht began his NFL career with the Miami Dolphins in 1995, where he worked as a scouting department assistant before spending the 1996 season as an offensive assistant/quality control coach. In 1997, he worked for National Football Scouting, a college football scouting service, before joining the Carolina Panthers' scouting staff in 1998.

Licht played linebacker and guard at the University of Nebraska from 1989-91 before transferring to Nebraska-Wesleyan, where he was an all-conference defensive tackle. He and his wife, Blair, have three children: Charlie, Zoe and Theo.

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TODD BOWLES

Todd Bowles enters his fourth season as head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers following his three seasons as the team's defensive coordinator from 2019-21.

Bowles has accomplished a feat that no one else has through their first three years as Buccaneers head coach, leading the team to three consecutive playoff appearances and three consecutive NFC South division titles. He became just the seventh head coach in the Super Bowl era to win their division each of their first three seasons leading a team. Bowles' 27 regular season wins are the second-most by a Tampa Bay coach through three seasons, trailing only his predecessor, Bruce Arians (31). Over the past two seasons, Bowles' team owns an NFL-best 10-2 record (.833) in regular season games played in December and January.

The 2024 Buccaneers finished 10-7, marking consecutive seasons with an increased win total over the year prior. Each of the past two offensive coordinators hired by Bowles have gone on to become NFL head coaches in Dave Canales and Liam Coen, but despite the shuffling on the offensive side of the ball, Bowles has been the constant who has solidified Tampa Bay as an annual playoff team – the only NFC team to have clinched a playoff berth in each of the past five seasons. In 2024, Tampa Bay ranked sixth in the NFL in point differential (+117) and fifth in average yardage differential per game (+57.8).

Tampa Bay's offense was among the most formidable in the NFL in 2024, establishing franchise records in completion percentage (71.5%), passer rating (106.8), rushing yards (2,536), yards per rush (5.3) and third-down conversion rate (50.9%). The Buccaneers became the first team in NFL history to complete at least 70% of their passes and average at least five yards per rush in the same season, and were the only team in the NFL in 2024 to rank in the top five in points per game (29.5), passing yards per game (250.4) and rushing yards per game (149.2). Tampa Bay led the NFL in third-down conversion rate and yards after contact per rush (3.78), while ranking second in pass completion rate, passing touchdowns (41), passing first downs per game (23.2) and quarterback pressure rate allowed (25.6%).

Bowles' defense in 2024 hit its stride following the team's bye and ranked as the second-best in the NFL in Weeks 12-18, limiting opponents to 273.9 yards per game during that span and helping vault the Buccaneers to a 6-1 record to finish the season. Tampa Bay held opponents to just 26 total second-half points and just two second-half opponent offensive touchdowns over the final seven weeks of the season – each the fewest in the NFL. Meanwhile, the team out-scored its opponents by 104 points and out-gained the opposition by 180.1 yards per game from Weeks 12-18.

Since joining the Buccaneers in 2019, Bowles' defenses have set the standard for rush defense, leading the league in both fewest rushing yards per game allowed (93.8) and fewest rush yards per attempt allowed (4.0), while limiting opponents to the third-fewest rushing touchdowns (68). He has led an opportunistic defense that ranks first in opponent fumble recoveries (68), first in strip sacks (46), first in quarterback hits (646), second in sacks (281), second in forced fumbles (98), third in tackles for loss (520), fifth in red zone efficiency (53.8%), sixth in fewest yards per play allowed (5.2), sixth in goal-to-go efficiency (68.1%), seventh in takeaways (145), ninth in fewest net passing yards allowed per attempt (6.4), ninth in lowest third-down conversion rate against (38.1%) and 10th in passes defensed (421).

In his five seasons with Tampa Bay, Bowles has coached eight different Buccaneers to Pro Bowl selections as either defensive coordinator or head coach: Shaquil Barrett (2019, 2021), Mike Evans (2023, 2024), Baker Mayfield (2023, 2024), Jason Pierre-Paul (2020), Vita Vea (2021, 2024), Devin White (2021), Antoine Winfield Jr. (2021) and Tristan Wirfs (2022, 2023, 2024).

In 2023, Bowles guided the NFL's eighth-youngest roster to an appearance in the NFC Divisional round, earning his first career playoff win as a head coach in a commanding 32-9 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Wild Card Round. He inspired a 5-1 finish in the final six weeks of the regular season to secure Tampa Bay's spot in the playoffs.

A former defensive back himself, Bowles oversaw a breakout season for safety Antoine Winfield Jr. in 2023, earning him first-team All-Pro recognition from the Associated Press and Pro Football Focus. Since data is available dating back to 1999, Winfield Jr. is the lone player with 100+ tackles, three-or-more interceptions, three-or-more forced fumbles, three-or-more fumble recoveries and 3.0+ sacks in a single season. The defense as a whole finished top five in run defense for the fourth time in five seasons under Bowles and ranked seventh in scoring defense, limiting opponents to just 19.1 points per game in 2023.

On the offensive side of the ball, newly-signed quarterback Baker Mayfield had the best season of his NFL career, earning the 2023 Pro Football Writers of America Most Improved Player award and Pro Bowl honors after setting career highs in completions (364), completion percentage (63.4%), passing yards (4,044) and passing touchdowns (28). Mike Evans earned his fifth career Pro Bowl nod and continued his run as the NFL's most consistent receiver, recording his 10th consecutive season with 1,000+ receiving yards – the longest-such streak to begin a career and the second-longest streak overall in NFL history. Despite shifting from right tackle to left tackle, Tristan Wirfs earned his third Pro Bowl selection in just his fourth year in the NFL becoming just the second offensive lineman in franchise history with three consecutive Pro Bowl trips.

In 2022, Bowles led the Buccaneers to the NFC South title in his first year as the head coach in Tampa Bay, joining Jon Gruden as the only coaches in franchise history to accomplish that feat in year one. He was the play caller for a defense that finished top 10 in the NFL in total yards per game (324.3 opponent yards/game), yards per play (5.14 avg.), pass defense (203.5 passing yards allowed/game), net yards per attempt (6.1), sacks (45.0) and tackles for loss (89), while limiting opponents to the fifth-fewest first downs per game (18.5) and the sixth-lowest third down conversion percentage (36.9 percent).

On the other side of the ball, Tristan Wirfs made his second Pro Bowl as part of an offensive line unit that led the league in fewest sacks allowed/pass attempt (2.8%). In addition, Tampa Bay ranked second in the NFL in passing offense (279.8 yards/game) and boasted a pair of 1,000-yard receivers in Mike Evans and Chris Godwin. Godwin finished eighth in the NFL with his 104 receptions – the second-most in a single season in Buccaneers franchise history.

In his three seasons as defensive coordinator from 2019-2021, he transformed the unit into one of the most productive defenses in the NFL. Tampa Bay ranked third in the league in takeaways (82) and third in sacks (142), joining the Pittsburgh Steelers as the only teams to place in the top five of both categories. In addition to the sacks and takeaways under Bowles' guidance as defensive coordinator, the Buccaneers ranked first in rushing yards allowed per game (82.5), first in rushing yards per attempt (3.72), first in quarterback hits (352), first in defensive fumble recoveries (37), first in passes defensed (241), second in strip sacks (26), third in tackles for loss (262), fourth in forced fumbles (52), tied for fourth in defensive touchdowns (nine), fifth in fewest yards per play allowed (5.13), fifth in passing yards per attempt allowed (6.78), sixth in red zone defense efficiency (54.7%), seventh in lowest third-down conversion rate allowed (37.6%), ninth in total defense (334.1 yards allowed per game) and ninth in goal-to-go efficiency (68.6%).

From 2020-21, the Buccaneers allowed the sixth-fewest points per game (21.5) and the fifth-fewest yards per game (329.4). In six postseason contests during that span, Tampa Bay tallied 16 takeaways – seven more than any other team. Bowles was the architect behind a historic defensive performance that catapulted the Buccaneers to a Super Bowl LV victory. His unit held the explosive Kansas City Chiefs' offense to nine points and without a touchdown for the first time in 54 games with Patrick Mahomes as the starting quarterback.

In 2021 alone, Bowles led a defense that finished first in the NFL in quarterback hits (123), third in rush defense (92.5 ypg), fifth in fewest points per game allowed (20.8), tied for fifth in takeaways (29), seventh in sacks (47.0), seventh in fewest yards per play allowed (5.16), eighth in tackles for loss (81), tied for eighth in interceptions (17) and tied for eighth in forced fumbles (16). Four Buccaneers defensive players earned Pro Bowl honors in 2021: outside linebacker Shaquil Barrett, nose tackle Vita Vea, linebacker Devin White and safety Antoine Winfield Jr. – the most in a single season on the defensive side of the ball since 2002.

In Tampa Bay's championship season in 2020, Bowles directed a defense that led the NFL in quarterback hits (142), tackles for loss (107) and takeaways (34), while tying for the league lead in sacks (58.0) between the regular season and postseason combined. During the regular season alone, the Buccaneers' defense ranked first in rushing yards allowed per game (80.6), tied for second in

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quarterback hits (116), tied for second in tackles for loss (91), tied for fourth in sacks (48.0), sixth in total yards allowed per game (327.1) and eighth in points allowed per game (22.2). Additionally, the Buccaneers defense allowed the fifth-fewest first downs (19.9) and tallied the seventh-most sacks per pass attempt (7.78%).

In just his first two seasons, Bowles helped elevate a Buccaneers defense that ranked 27th in the NFL in yards per game allowed prior to his arrival to a team that finished sixth in that category in 2020. In the Super Bowl, Tampa Bay held the Kansas City Chiefs to just nine points – keeping a team that ranked sixth during the regular season in touchdowns out of the end zone. The nine points given up by the Buccaneers tied for the 10th-fewest in Super Bowl history.

Bowles helped mentor Winfield Jr. into PFWA All-Rookie team honors in 2020 and coached outside linebacker Jason Pierre-Paul to his third career Pro Bowl selection.

In his first season in Tampa Bay in 2019, Bowles quickly put an emphasis on stopping the run as he transformed the Buccaneers from the 24th-ranked run defense in 2018 (123.9 rush yards allowed per game) to the top run defense in the NFL in 2019, holding opponents to just 73.8 rushing yards per game and just 3.26 average yards per rush. The 1,181 rushing yards allowed by Tampa Bay in 2019 were the 11th-fewest all-time in a 16-game season. The front seven showed a knack for getting into the opposing backfield, tying for fifth in the NFL in tackles for loss.

The Buccaneers also led the NFL with 96 passes defensed in 2019, tied for the league lead with six defensive touchdowns, ranked third with 21 forced fumbles and finished fifth with 28 takeaways.

In the secondary, Bowles guided a group of predominantly first and second-year players to a notable second-half turnaround in which the defense reduced its passing yards allowed per game from 293.5 in Games 1-8 to 246.8 in Games 9-16, while lowering its total yards allowed per game mark from 371.6 to 316.3 in that same span. The 316.3 total yards allowed per game was the sixth-best mark of any defense over its final eight games of the season.

Bowles' 2019 defense featured three players who took home end-of-season honors, led by Pro Bowl and AP second-team All-Pro outside linebacker Shaquil Barrett. Barrett set a team record with his league-leading 19.5 sacks in 2019, breaking Pro Football Hall of Famer Warren Sapp's team record of 16.5 set in 2000. The defense also featured two AP All-Rookie Team members: Sean Murphy-Bunting and Devin White. White led all rookies with 7.0 tackles per game and Sean Murphy-Bunting tied for the most interceptions by a rookie with three.

Bowles joined the Buccaneers after spending the previous four seasons as the head coach of the New York Jets (2015-18). Under Bowles, the Jets posted one of the best run defenses in the NFL, holding teams to just 4.00 yards per carry, the sixth-lowest figure in the NFL during that span, and allowing only 44 rushing touchdowns, tied for the eighth-least in that timeframe. Bowles' Jets defense also allowed opposing offenses to convert only 36.0 percent of third downs, the fourth-lowest mark in the league. Opposing passers completed just 60.6 percent of their passes against the Jets under Bowles, the third-lowest mark in the NFL.

Four different defensive players earned Pro Bowl berths under Bowles in New York, with cornerback Darrelle Revis and defensive lineman Muhammad Wilkerson being selected in 2015, defensive lineman Leonard Williams being nominated in 2016 and safety Jamal Adams voted to the game in 2018. The 2018 season also saw Jets return specialist Andre Roberts earn Pro Bowl distinction, along with being named first-team AP All-Pro as a kick returner.

Prior to serving as the head coach of the Jets, Bowles spent two seasons as the defensive coordinator of the Arizona Cardinals (2013-14), including winning Assistant Coach of the Year honors from the Pro Football Writers of America and the Associated Press in 2014. During Bowles' time in Arizona, the Cardinals' defense allowed the third-fewest rushing touchdowns (14), the fifth-fewest points per game (19.5) and the fifth-fewest rushing yards per game (96.6). Bowles' defenses in Arizona also showed a knack for taking the ball away, recording the fifth-most interceptions in the NFL (38) and the most defensive touchdowns in the league, with nine.

While Bowles led the Cardinals' defense, he saw cornerback Patrick Peterson earn first-team AP All-Pro honors in 2013 and earn Pro Bowl honors both years (2013-14). Defensive end John Abraham (2013), cornerback Antonio Cromartie (2014) and defensive end Calais Campbell (2014) each also earned Pro Bowl selections.

Bowles spent one year with the Philadelphia Eagles (2012), serving as the team's secondary coach before being named interim defensive coordinator for the final 10 games of the season. Philadelphia finished ninth in passing yards allowed (216.9 per game) that season.

Before joining the Eagles, Bowles worked as the assistant head coach/secondary coach for the Miami Dolphins for four seasons (2008-11). In the 2011 season, he was named interim head coach for the final three games of the year, going 2-1. Under Bowles' tutelage, Miami's secondary held opposing quarterbacks to a 58.1 completion percentage over that span, the seventh-lowest mark in the NFL.

Prior to his time in Miami, Bowles worked as the defensive backs coach for the Dallas Cowboys (2005-07), coaching three different players to the Pro Bowl (safety Ken Hamlin, cornerback Terence Newman and safety Roy Williams).

His NFL coaching career began in 2000 as the defensive backs coach of the New York Jets, coaching a unit that allowed just 18.3 passing yards per game, the sixth-lowest in the NFL. Following his season in New York, Bowles spent four years with the Cleveland Browns, working as the team's defensive nickel package coach (2001-03) and secondary coach (2004). In 2001, the team set a franchise record with 33 interceptions and in 2004, the Browns allowed the fifth-fewest passing yards in the NFL (181.3 per game).

Before coaching in the NFL, Bowles spent one season as the defensive coordinator at Morehouse College (1997) and two seasons as the defensive coordinator at Grambling State (1998-99).

Bowles played collegiately at Temple and, despite going undrafted in the 1986 NFL Draft, played eight years in the NFL, with the Washington Redskins (1986-90; 1992-93) and the San Francisco 49ers (1991). He was a starter on the 1987 Redskins team that won Super Bowl XXII. Following his retirement as a player, Bowles spent two seasons (1995-96) with the Green Bay Packers player personnel department.

A native of New Jersey, Bowles and his wife, Taneka, have three sons, Todd Jr., Troy and Tyson. Todd Jr. currently plays collegiate football at Long Island, while Troy plays his collegiate football career at Michigan. The Bowles family is actively involved in the Tampa Bay community supporting organizations including Autism Speaks, The Spring of Tampa Bay, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Foundation. In 2024, Bowles was appointed to the NFL's Competition Committee, becoming 1-of-4 active head coaches on the panel.

BOWLES AT A GLANCE

YEARS	COLLEGE/PRO TEAM	POSITION
1982-85	Temple	Player
1986-90	Washington Redskins	Player
1991	San Francisco 49ers	Player
1992-93	Washington Redskins	Player
1995-96	Green Bay Packers	College Scouting Assistant
1997	Morehouse College	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1998-99	Grambling State	Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs
2000	New York Jets	Defensive Backs
2001-03	Cleveland Browns	Defensive Nickel Package
2004	Cleveland Browns	Secondary
2005-07	Dallas Cowboys	Defensive Backs
2008-11	Miami Dolphins	Assistant Head Coach/Secondary
2011	Miami Dolphins	Interim Head Coach
2012	Philadelphia Eagles	Secondary/Interim Defensive Coordinator
2013-14	Arizona Cardinals	Defensive Coordinator
2015-18	New York Jets	Head Coach
2019-21	**Tampa Bay Buccaneers**	**Defensive Coordinator**
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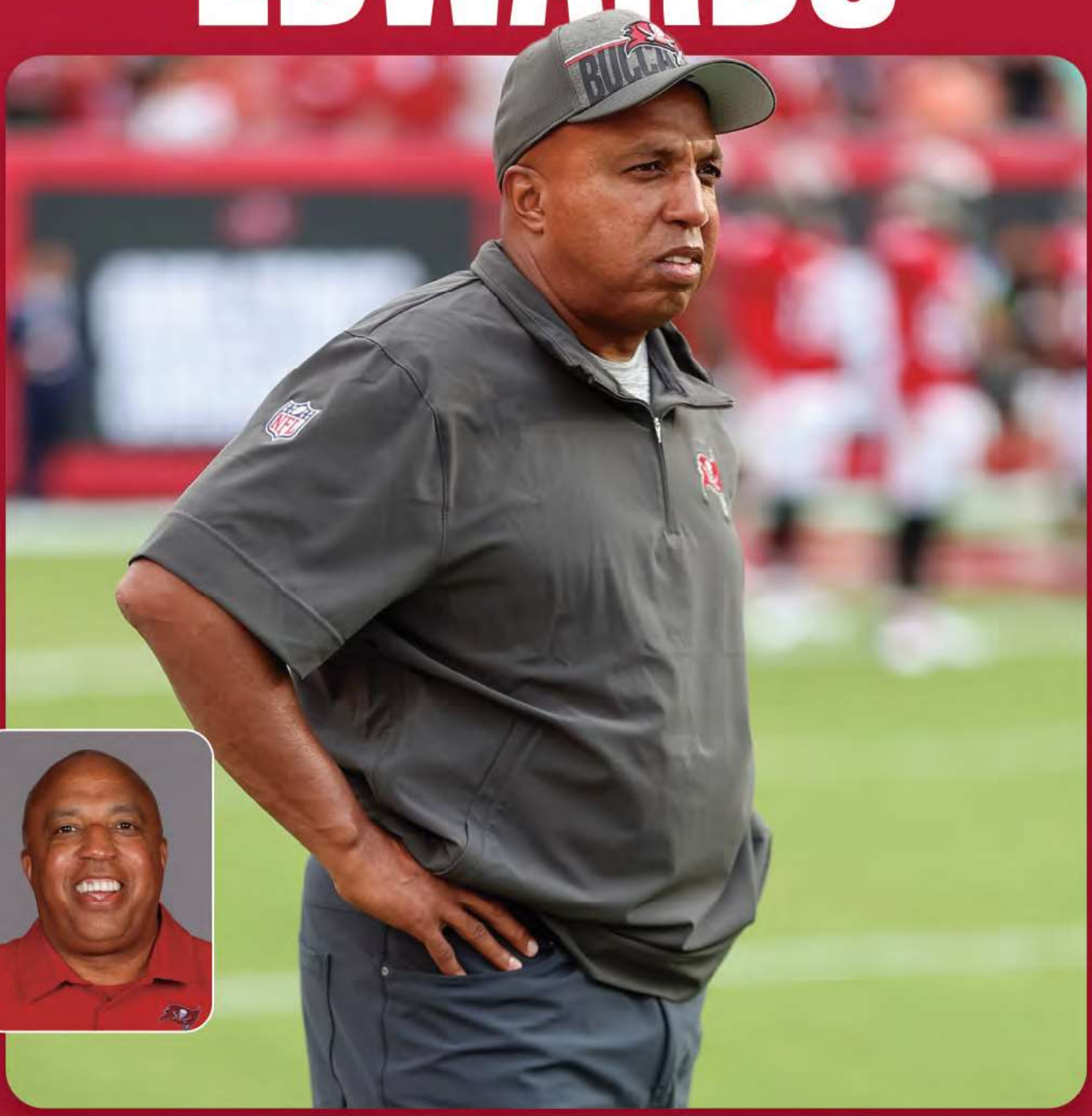

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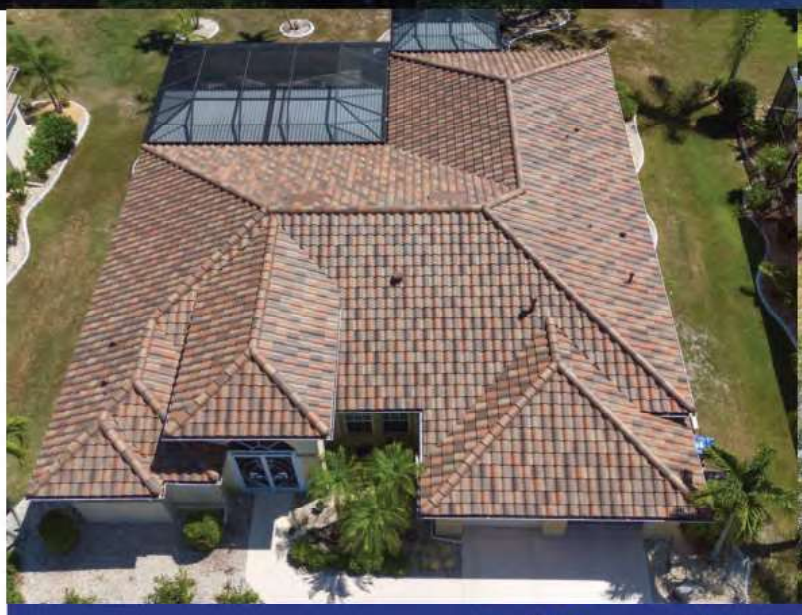

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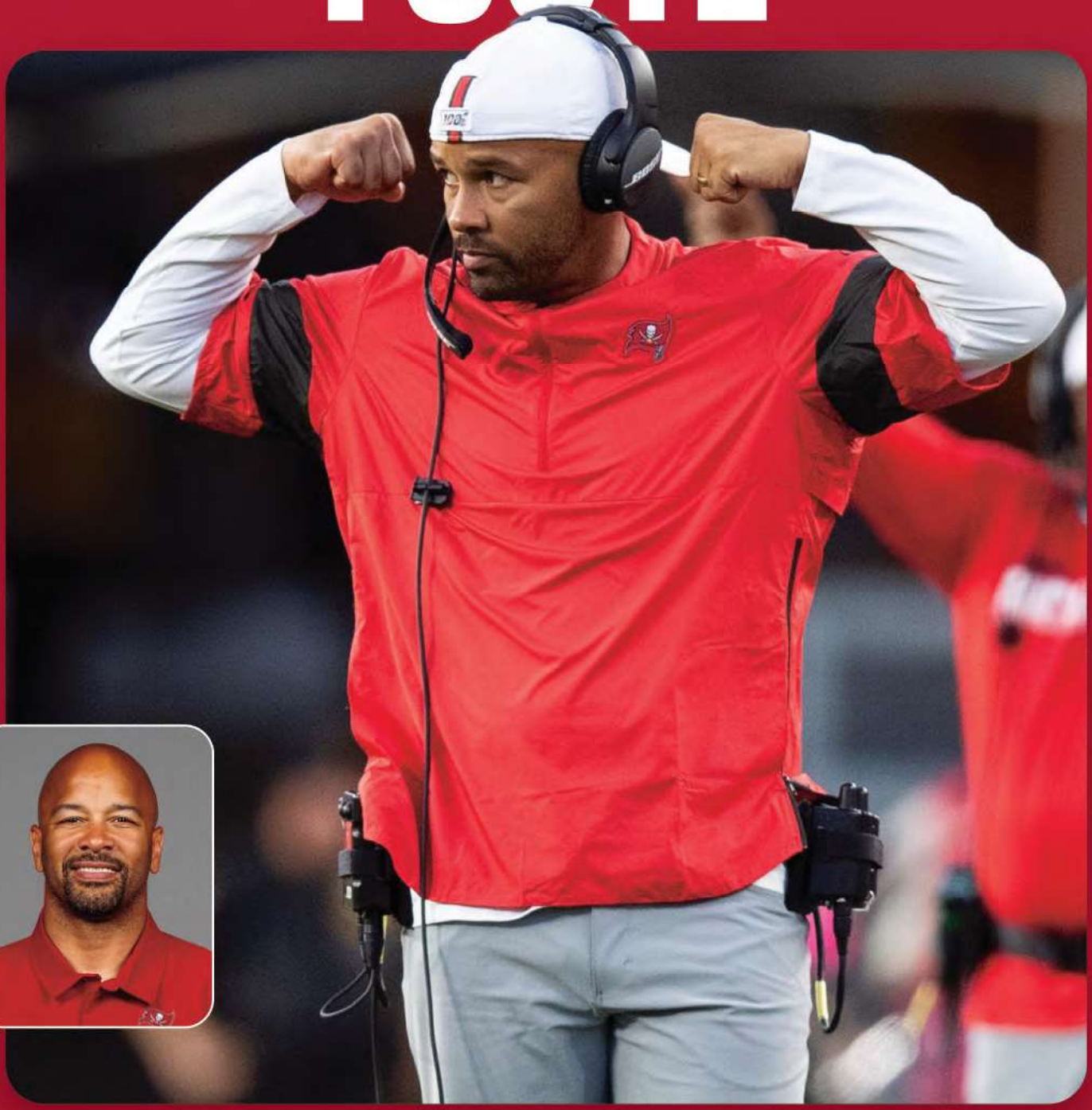

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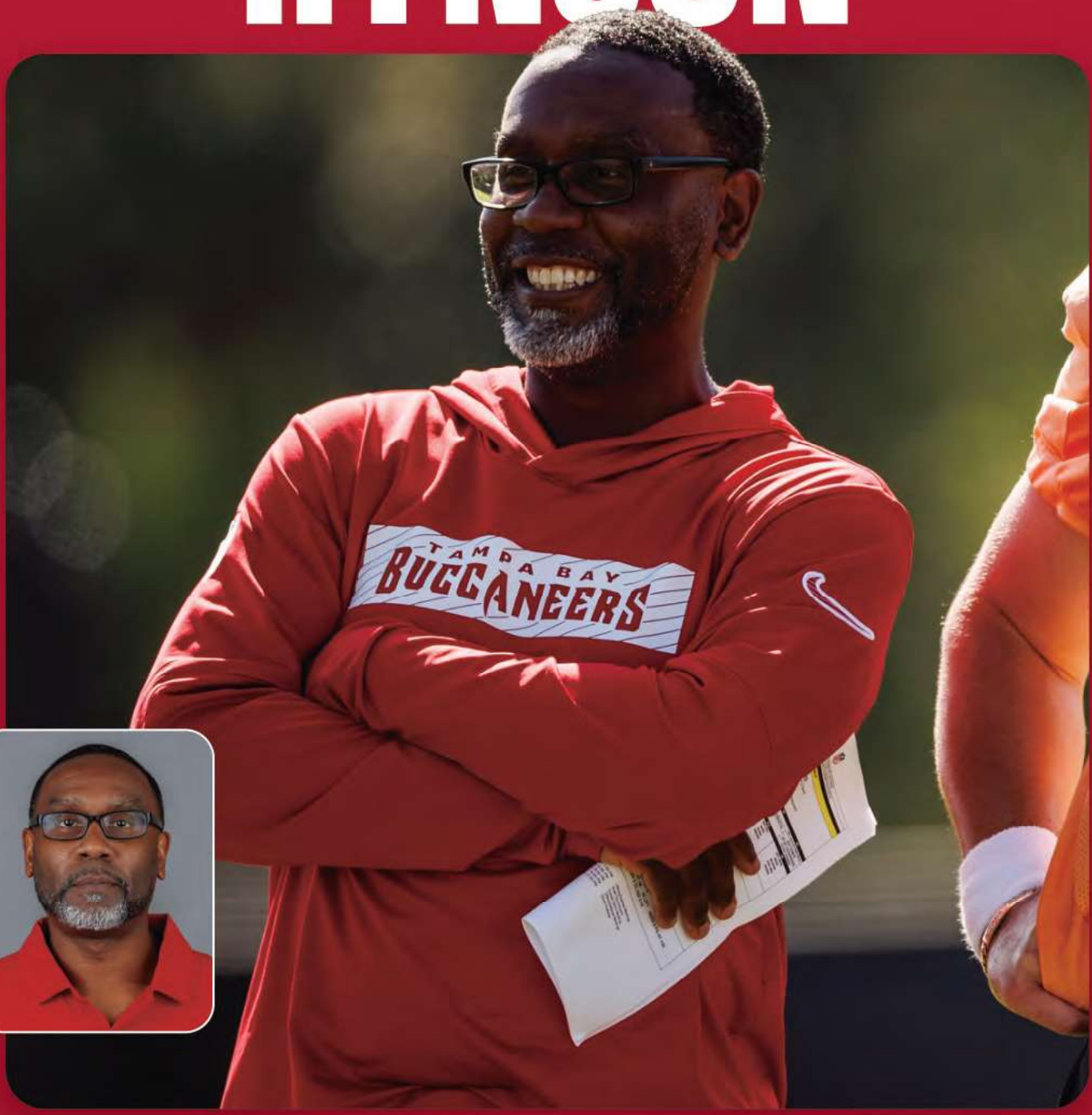

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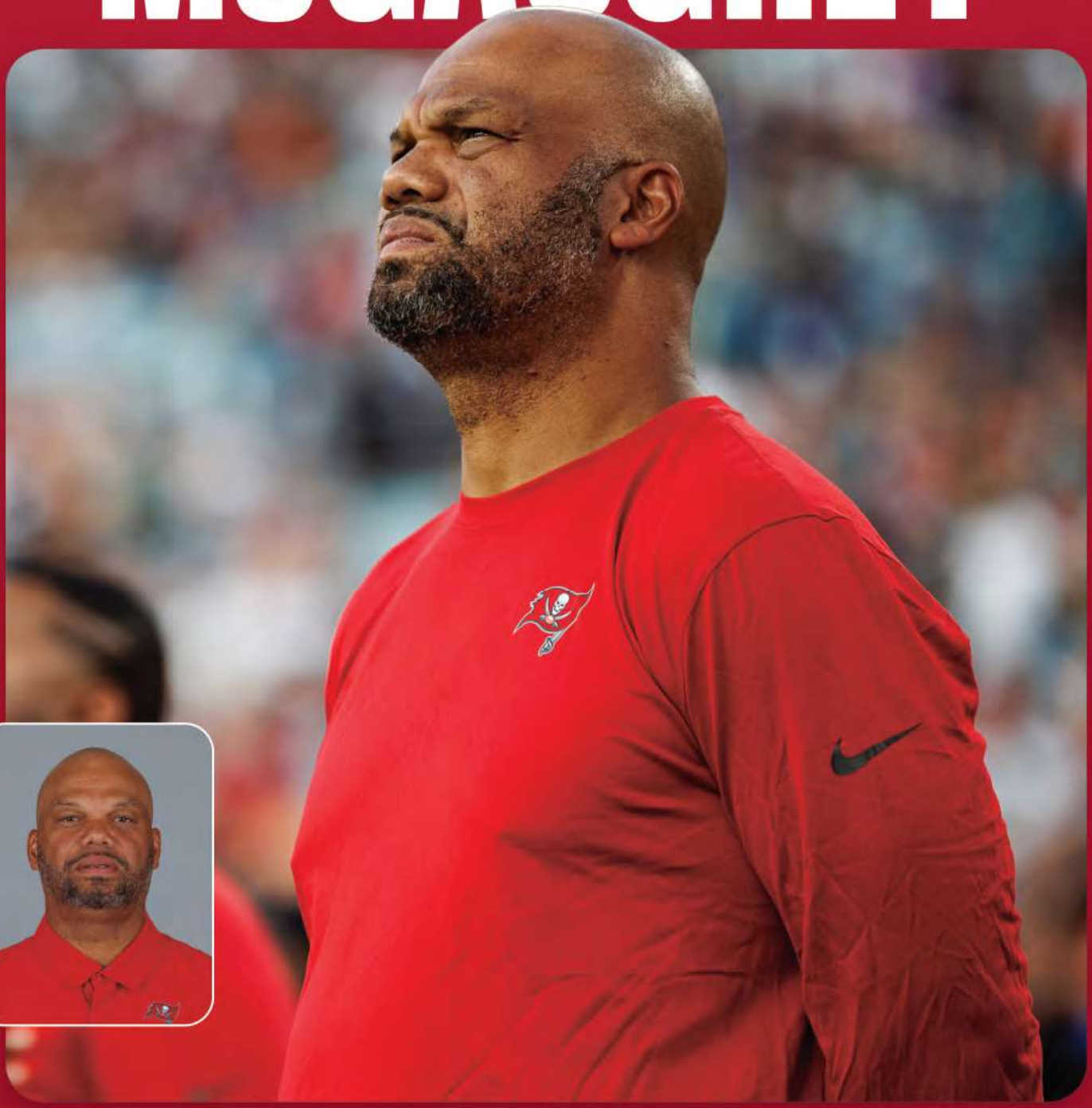

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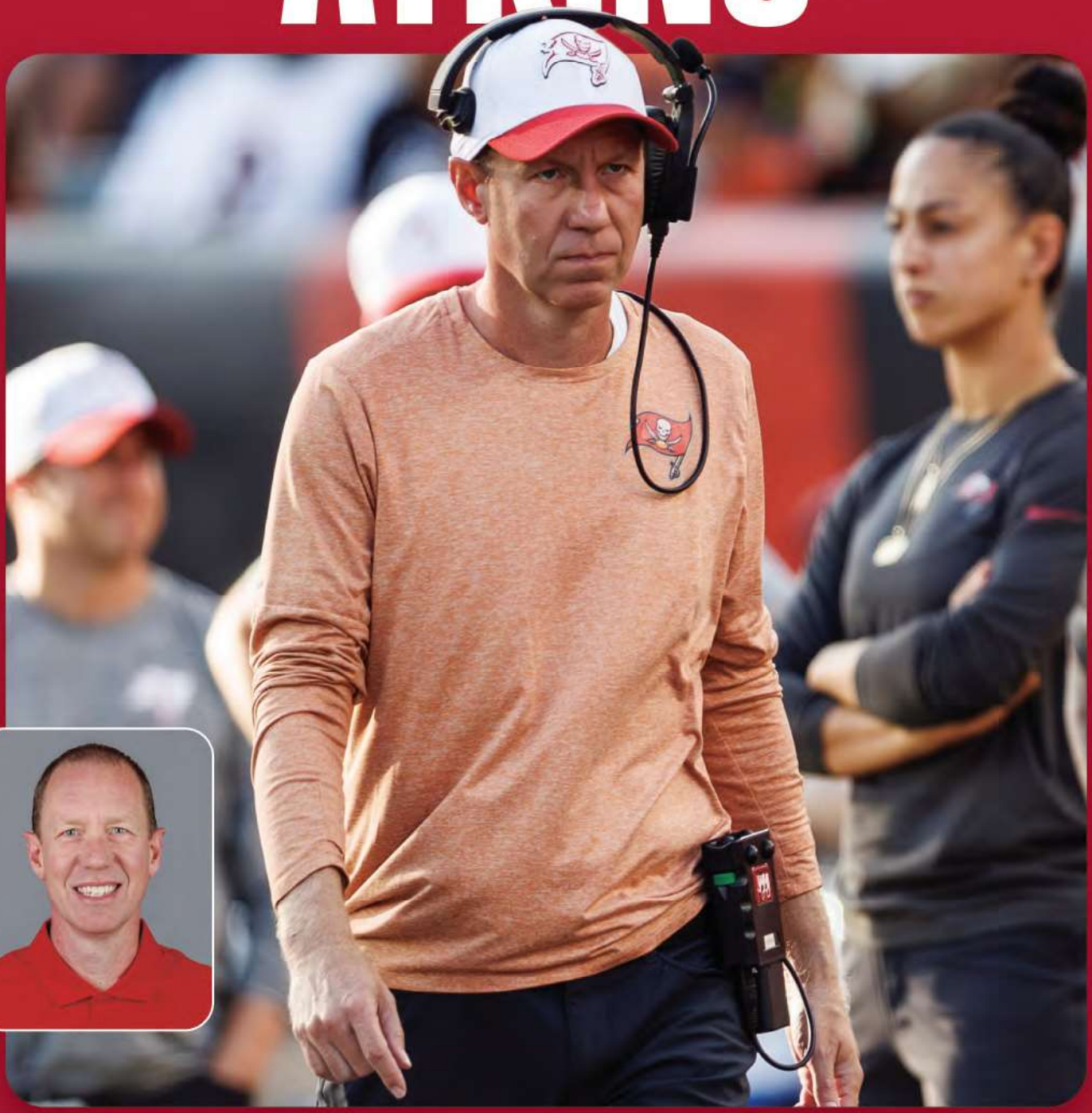

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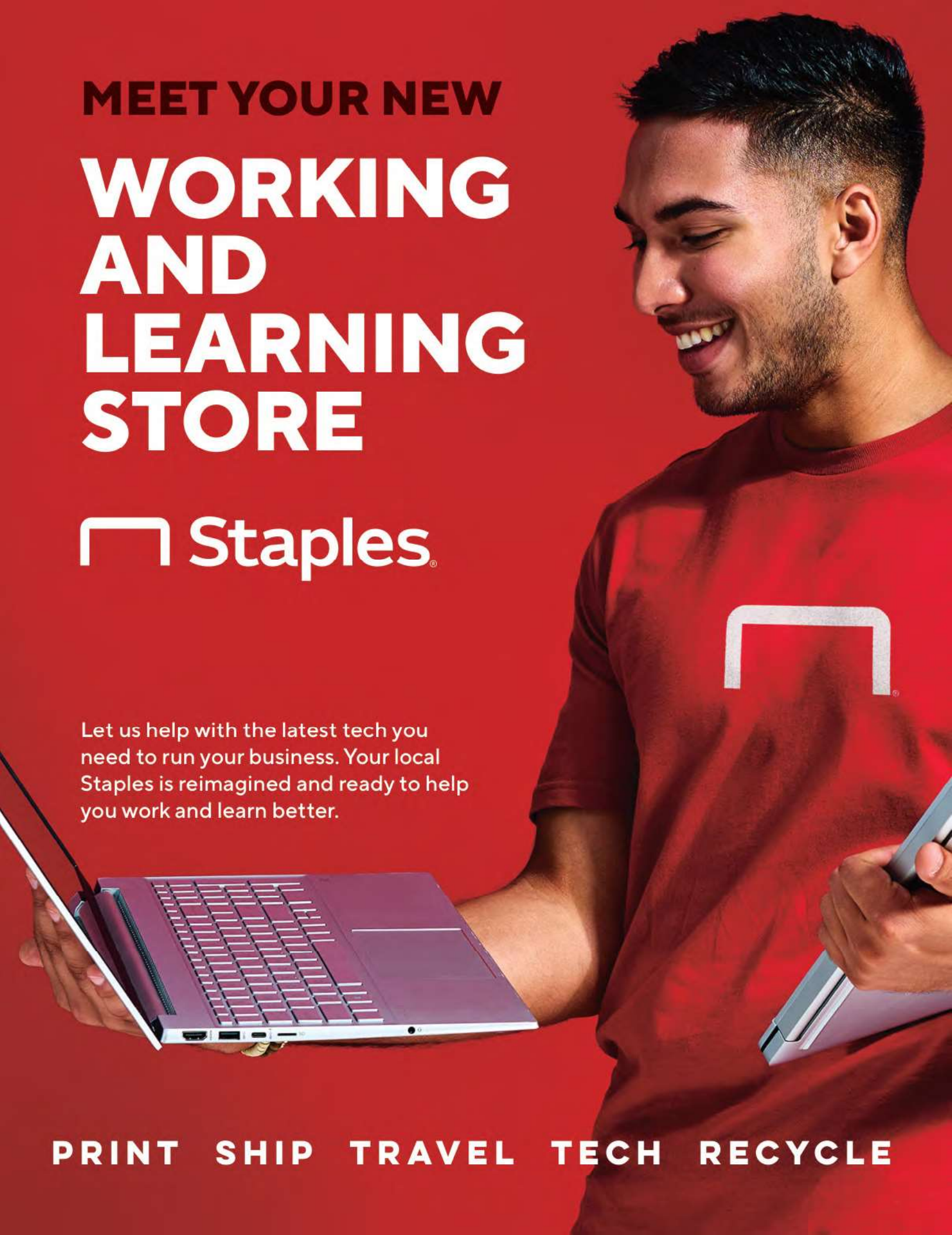

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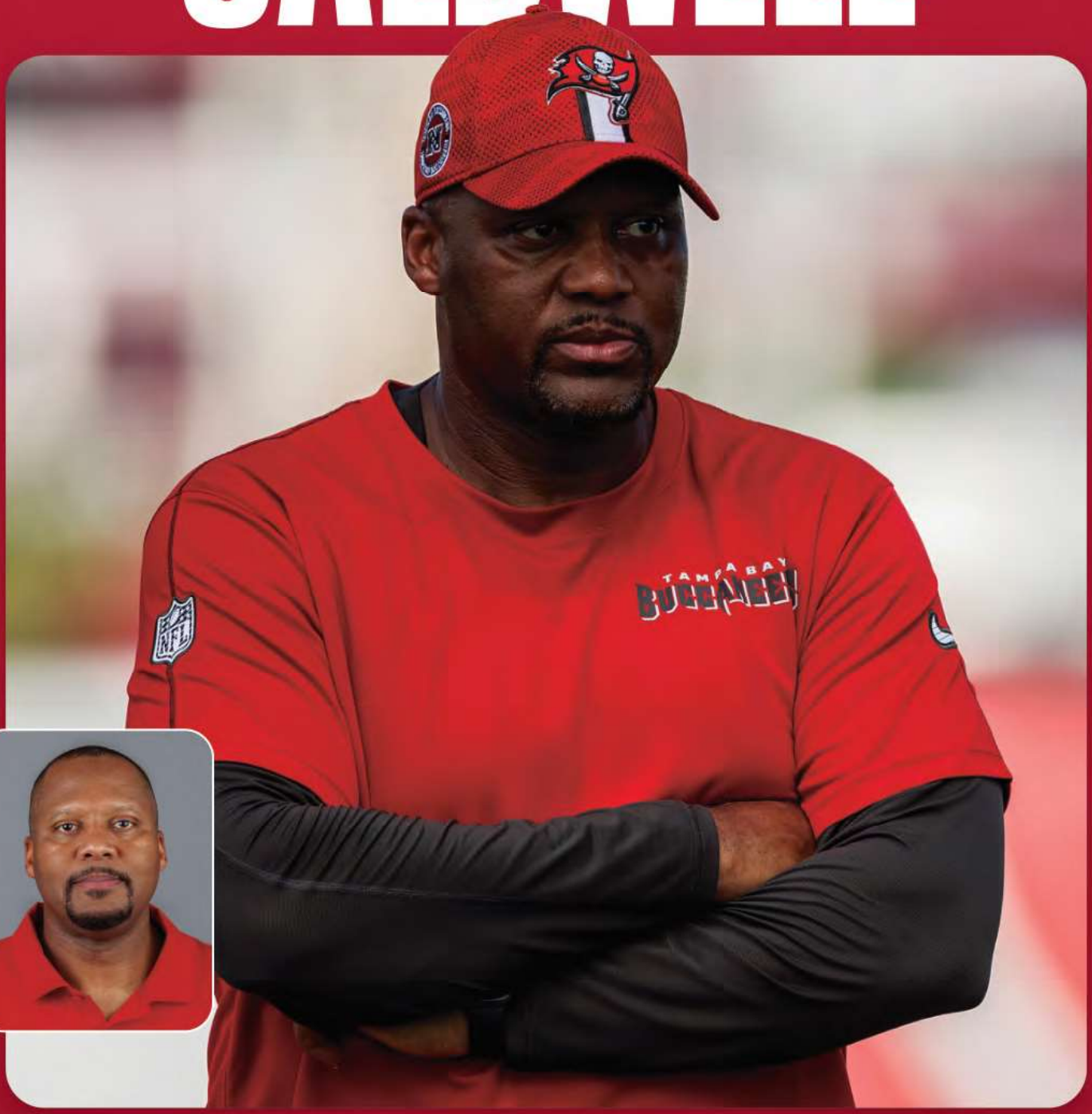

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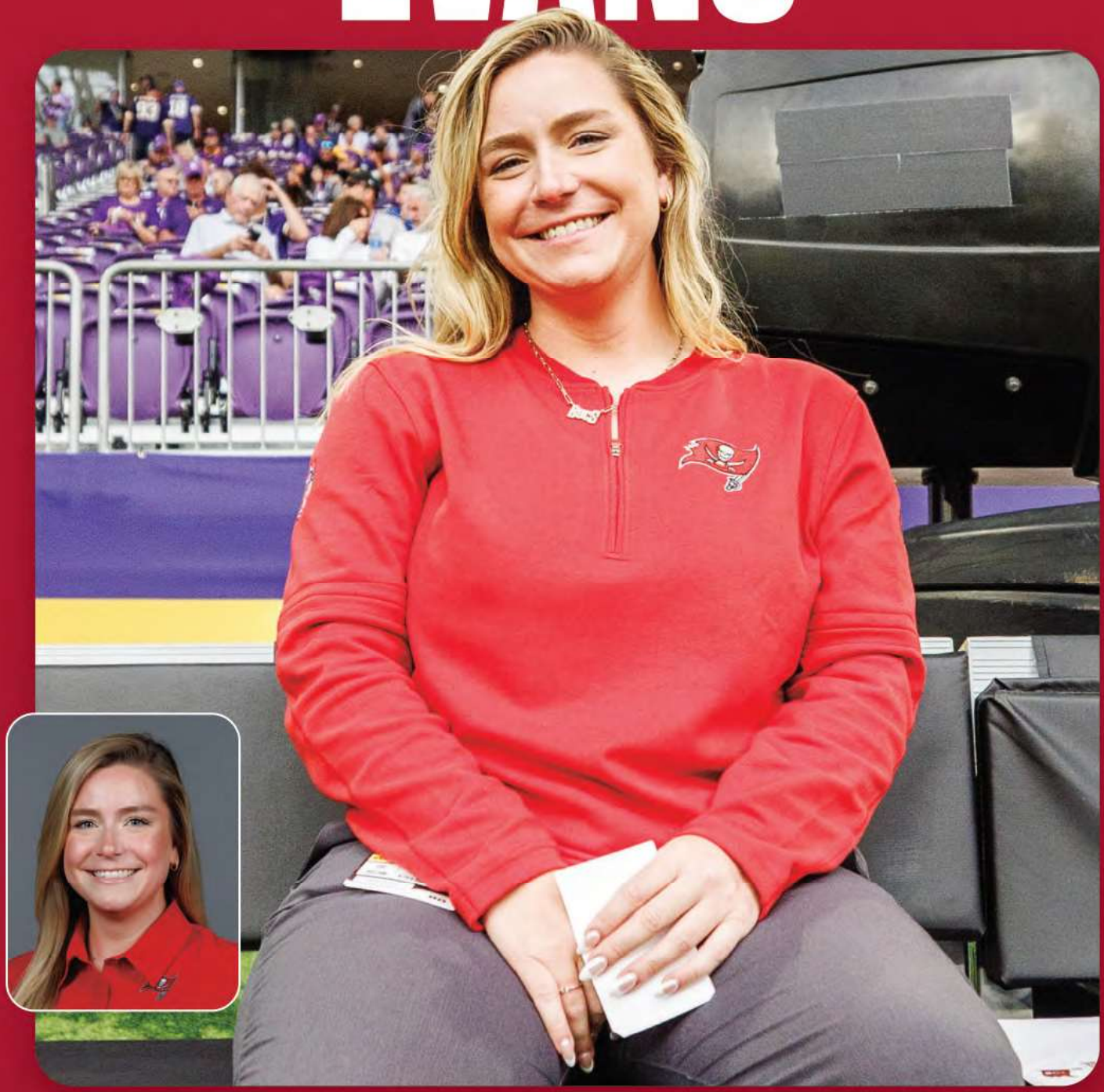

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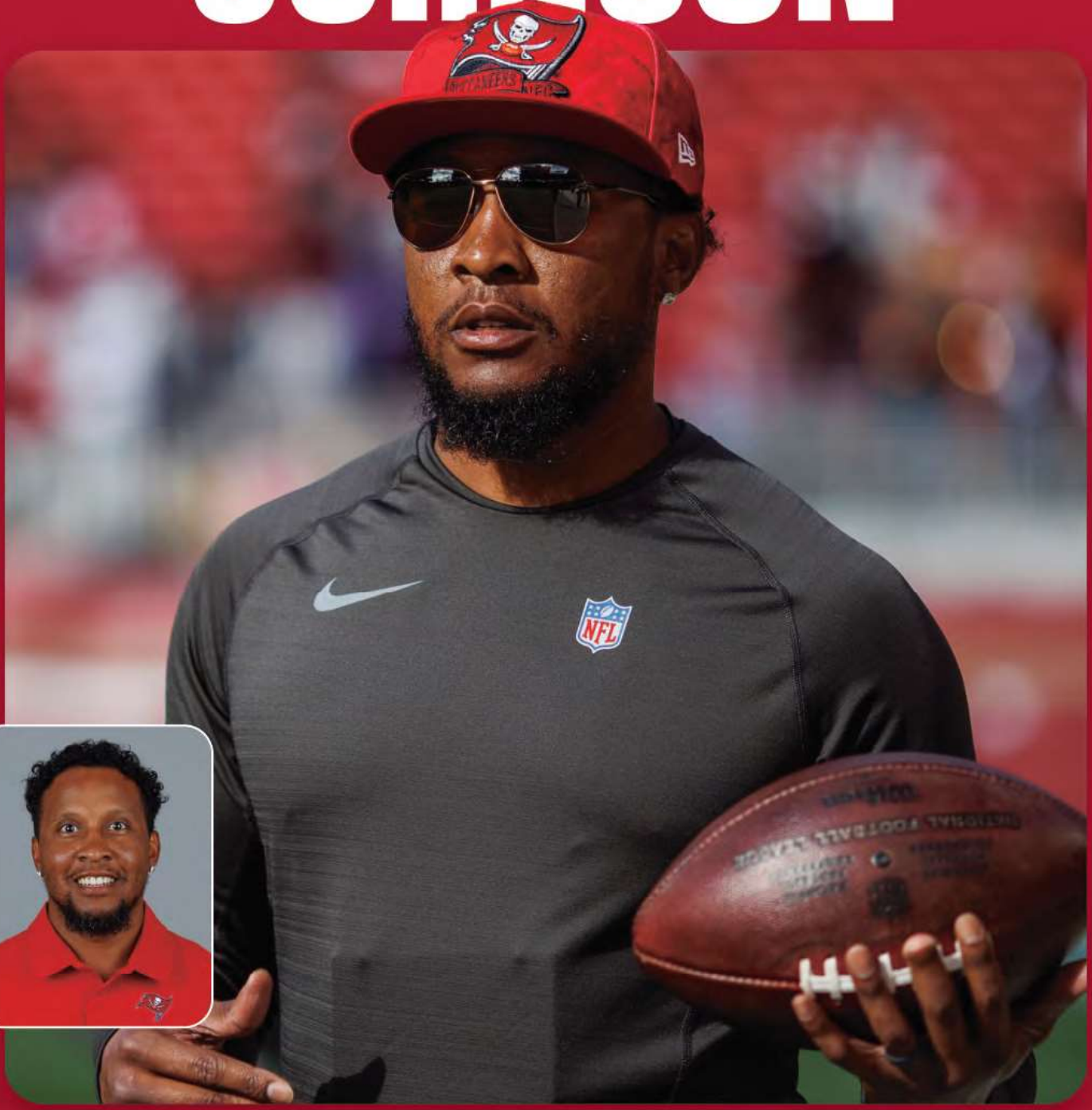

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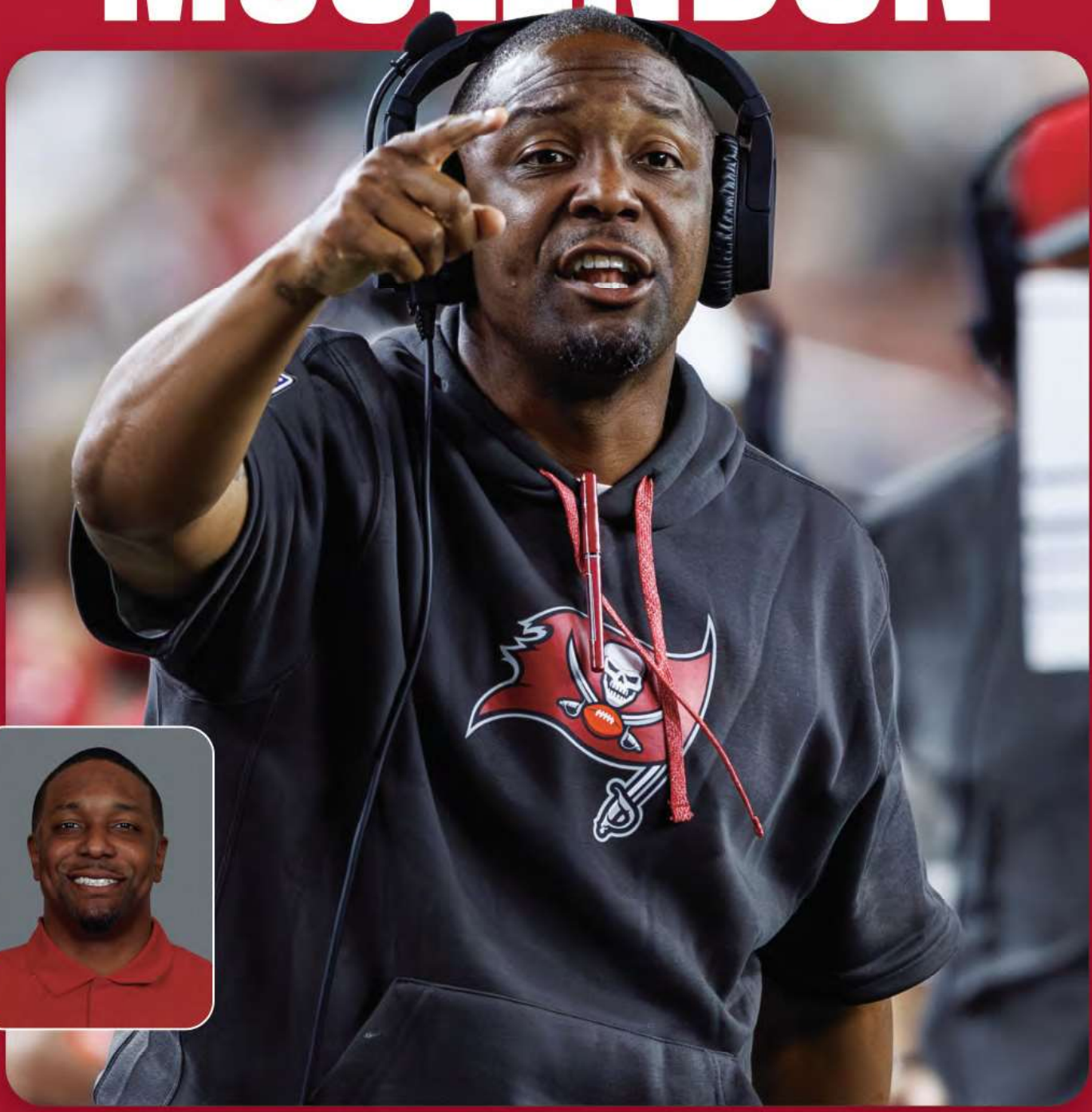

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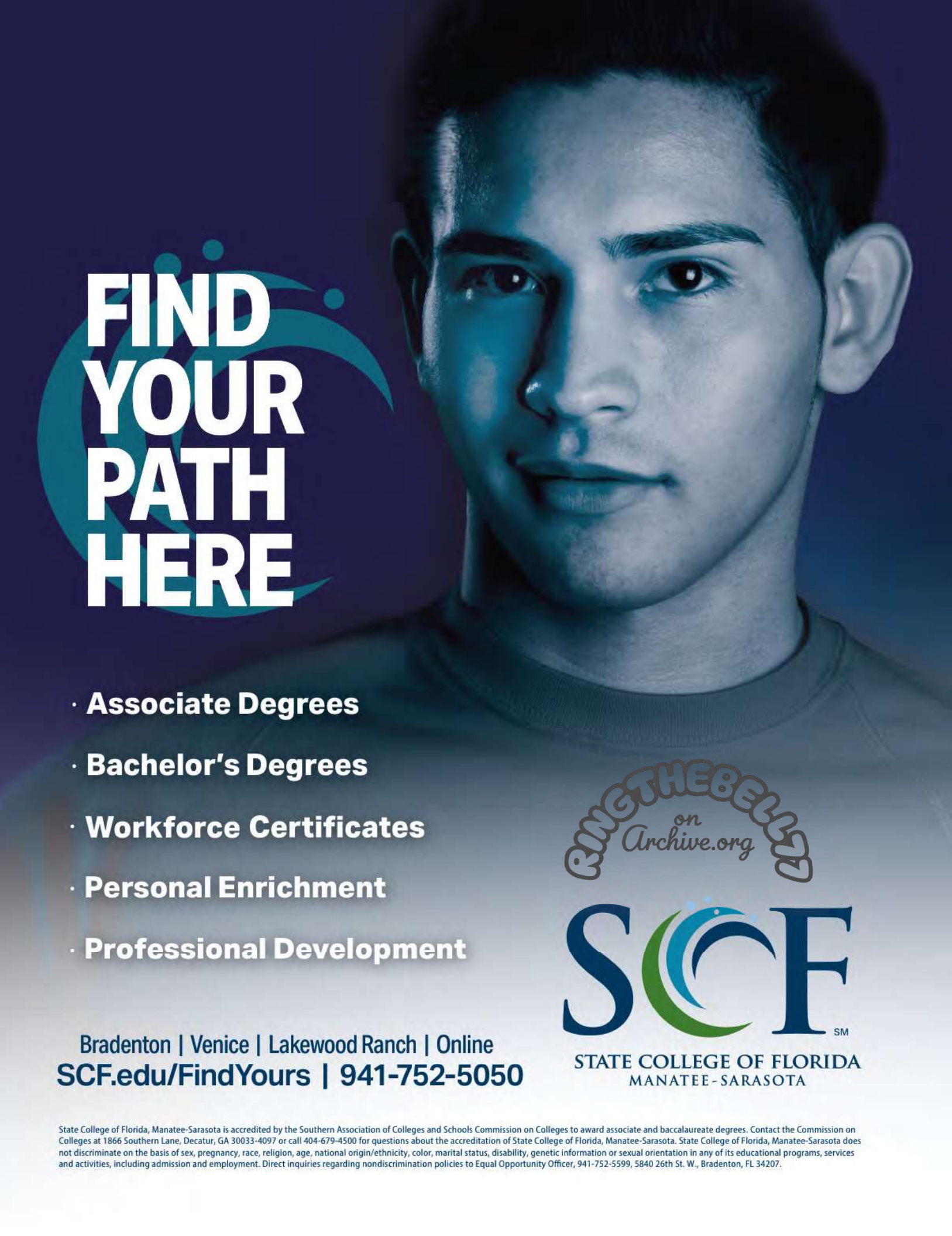

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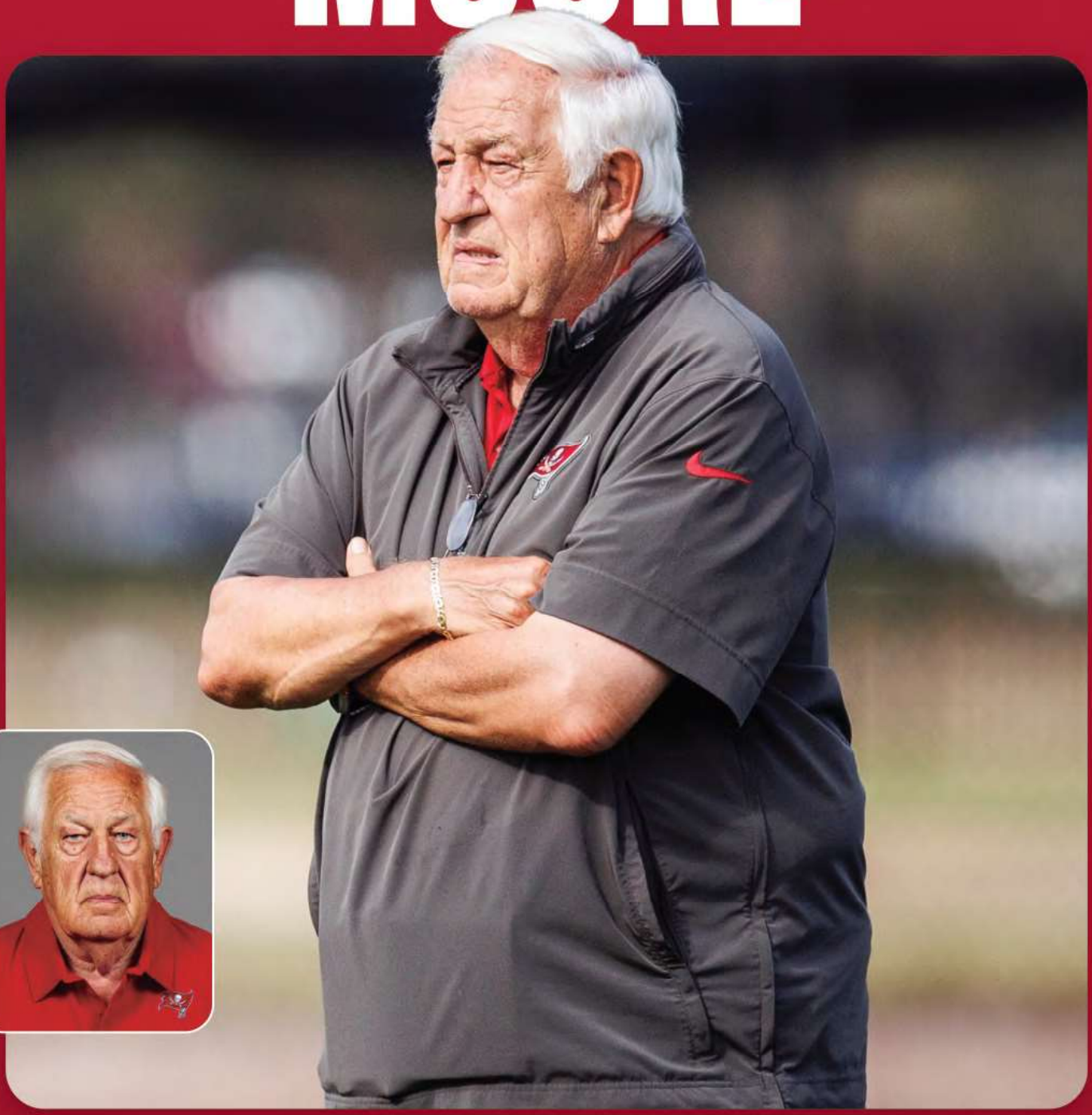

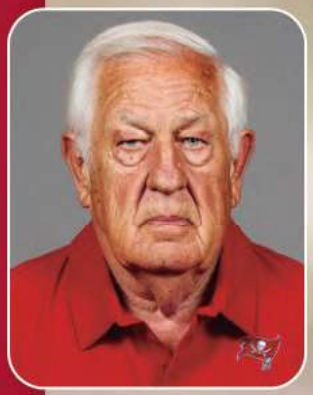

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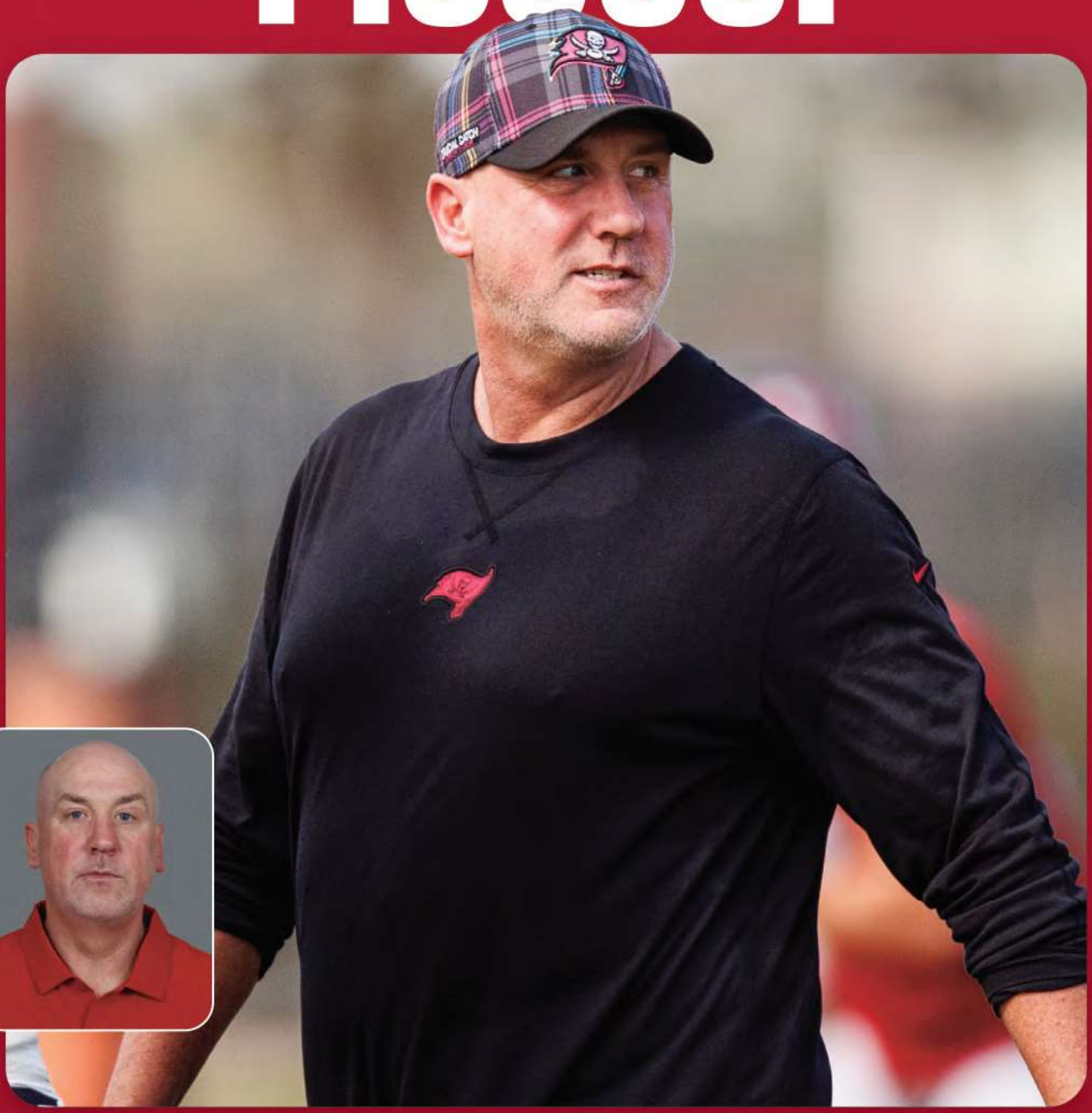

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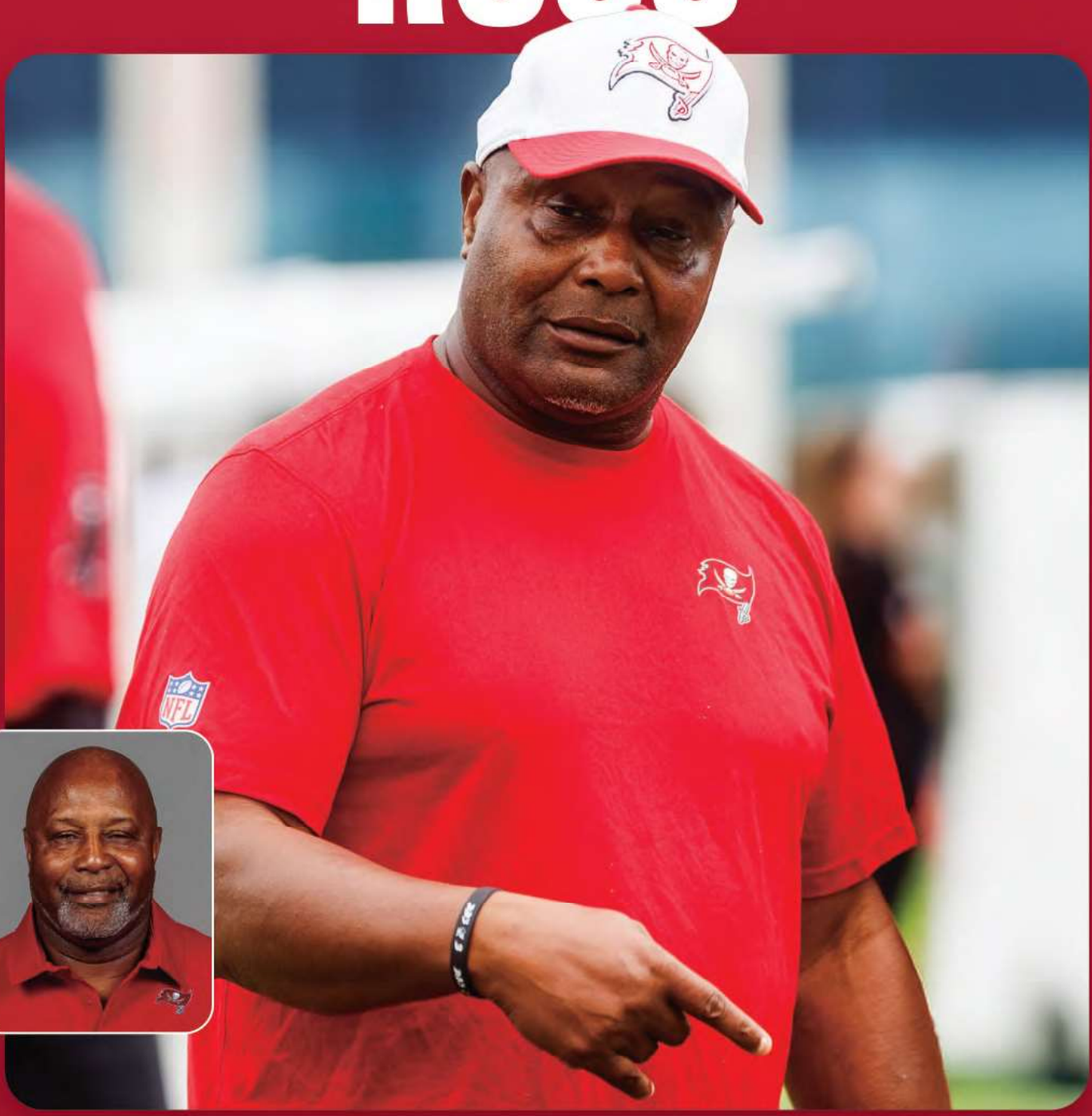

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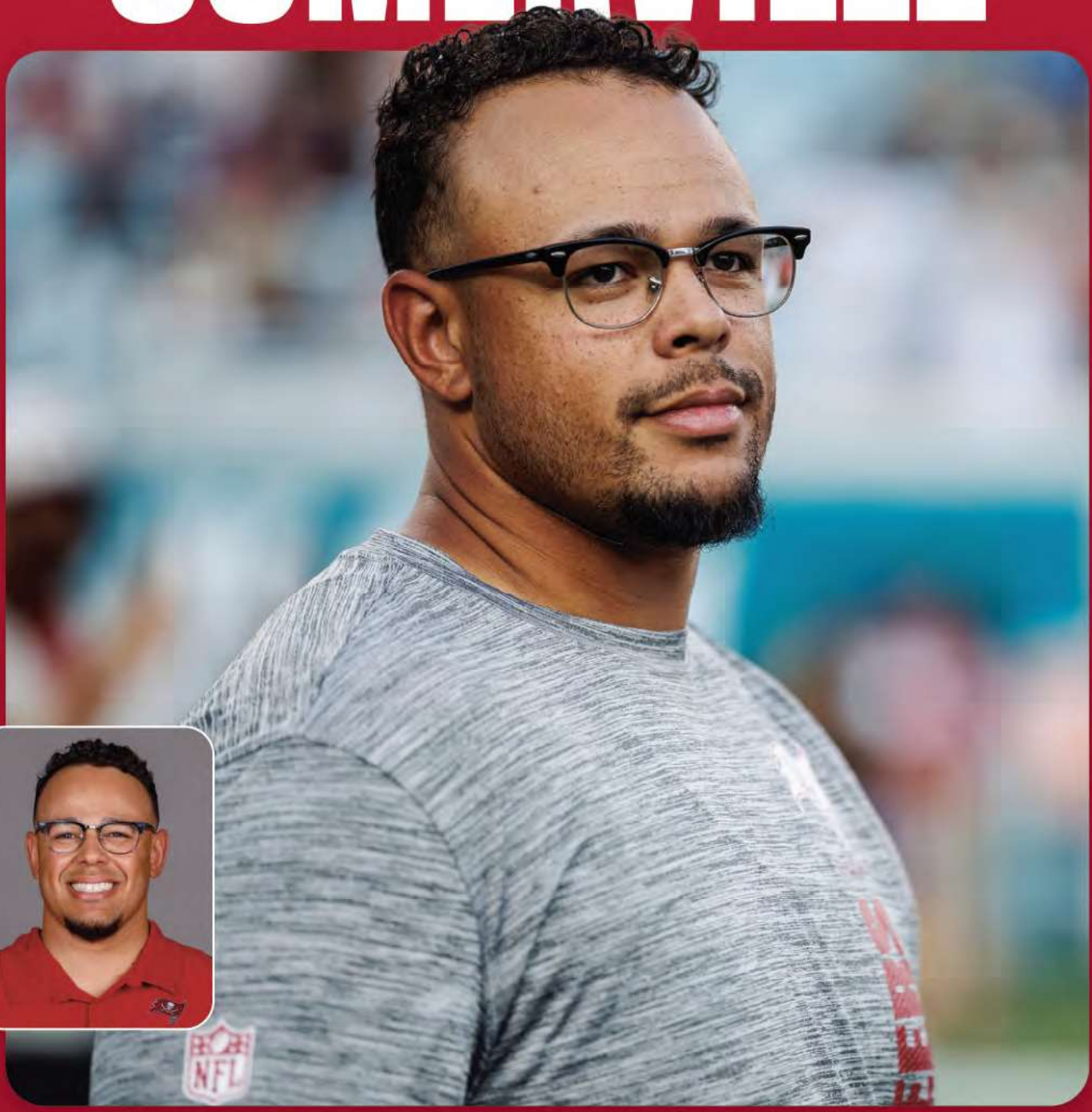

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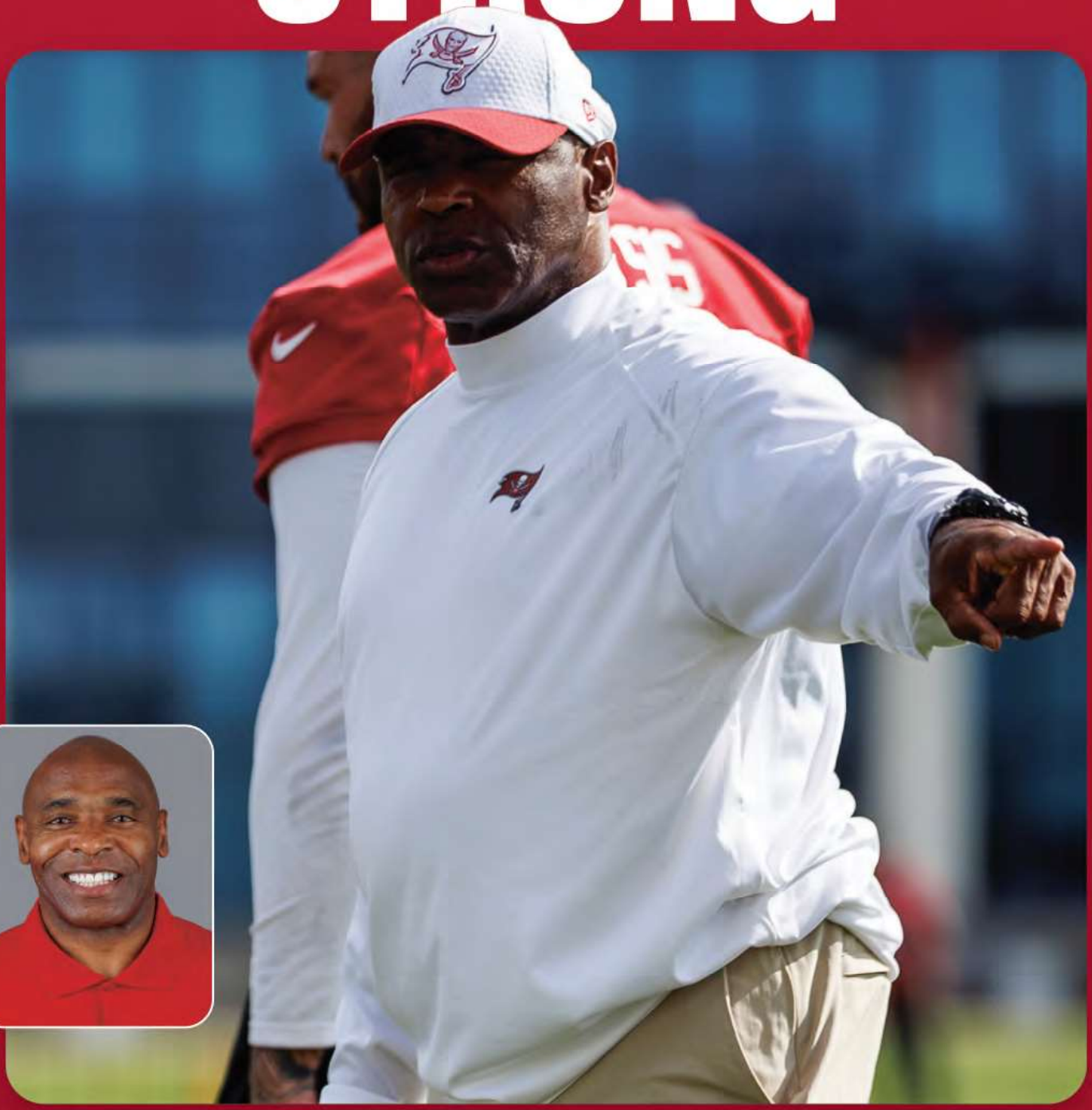

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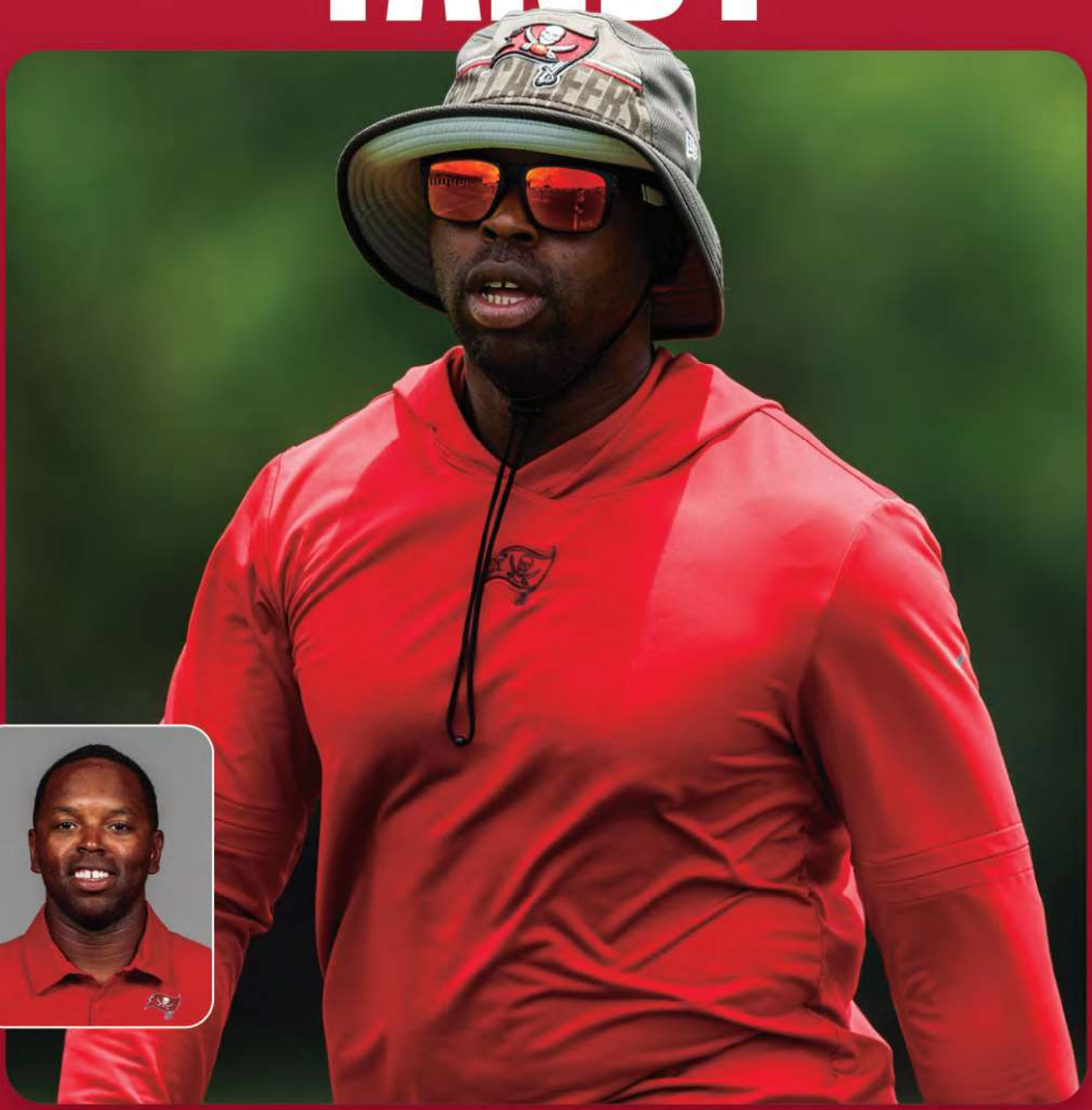

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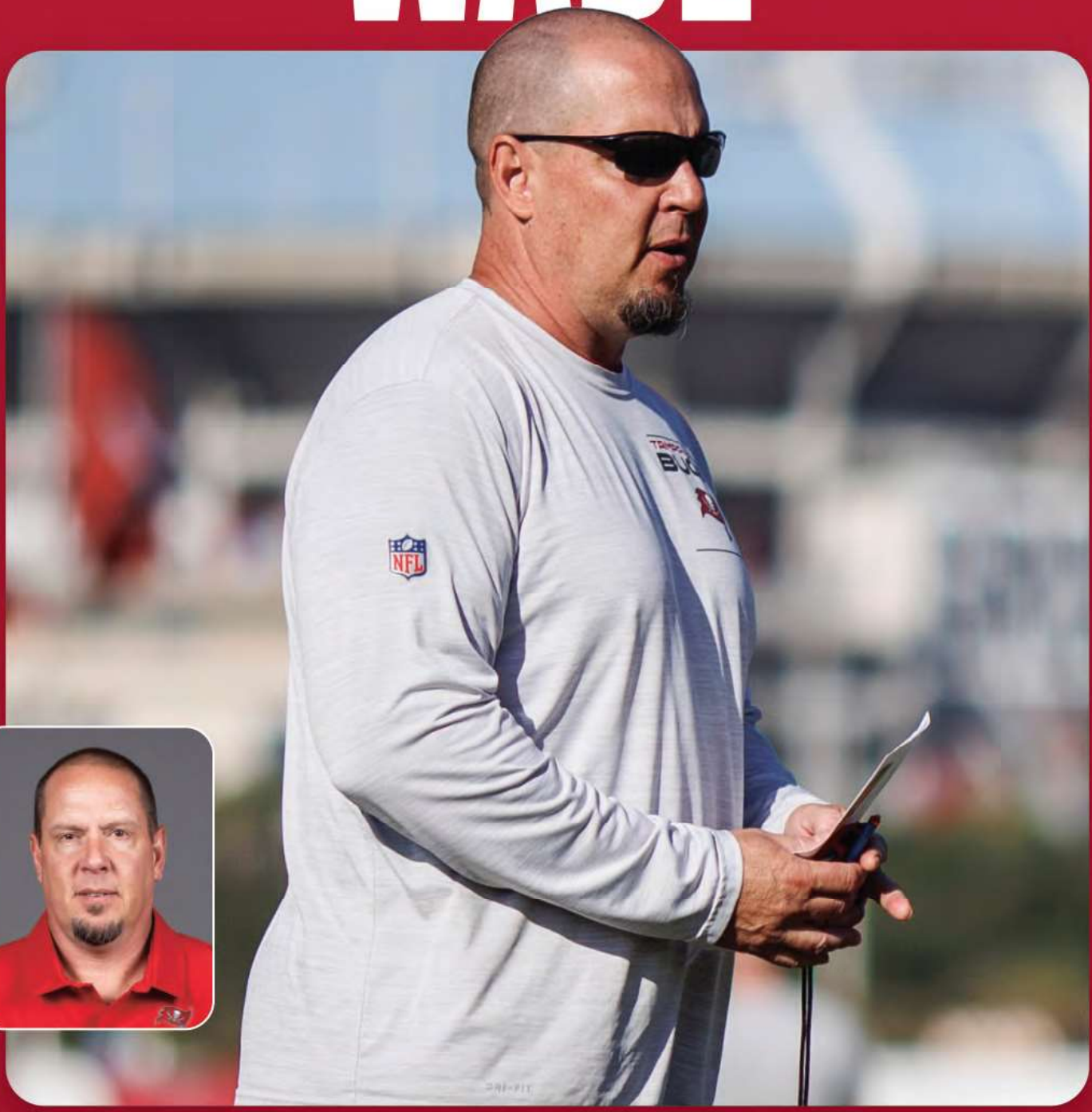

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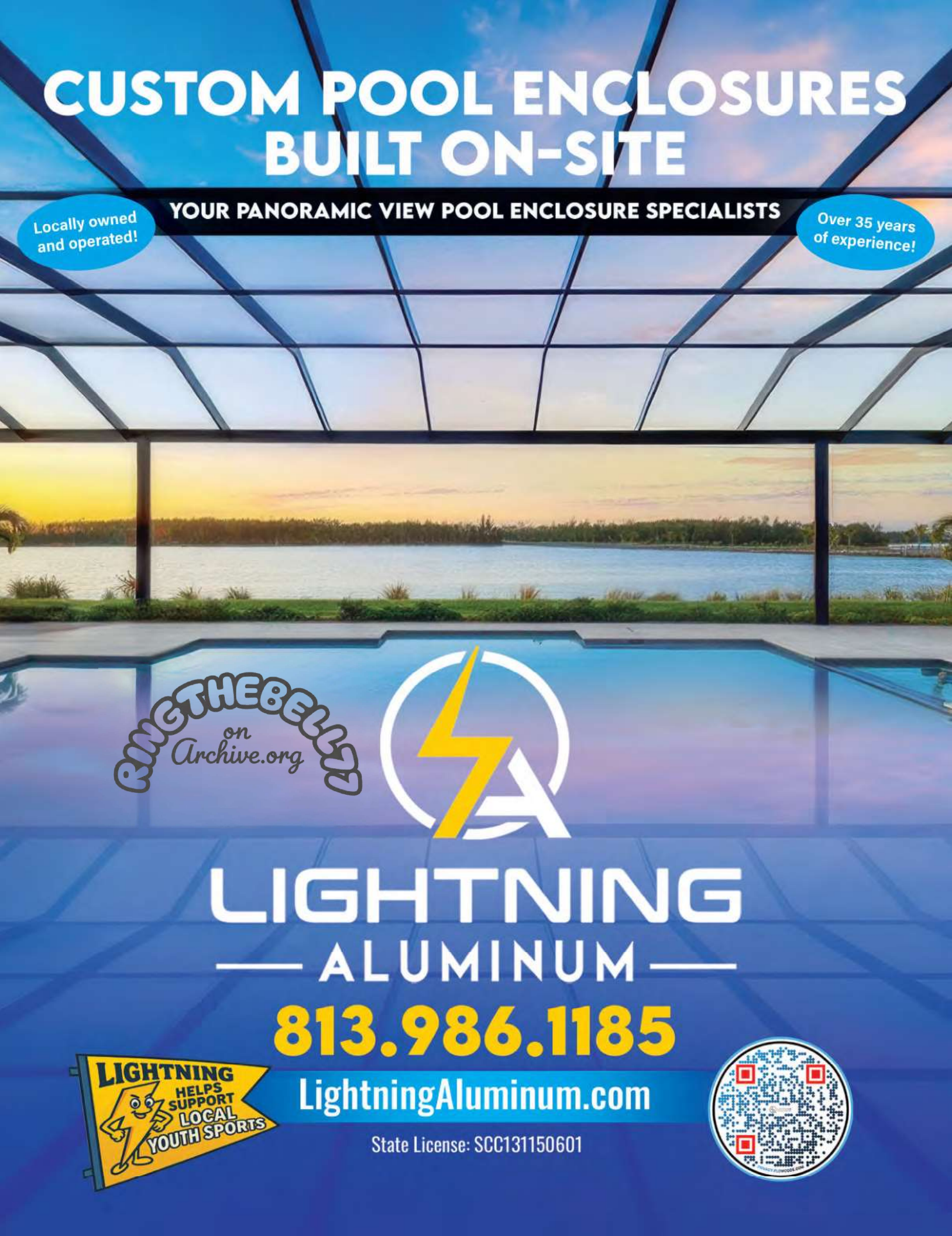
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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	NFL EXP.	COLLEGE
0	Yaya Diaby	OLB	6-4	270	26	3	Louisville
1	Rachaad White	RB	6-0	214	26	4	Arizona State
2	Kyle Trask	QB	6-5	236	27	5	Florida
3	Anthony Walker Jr.	LB	6-1	235	30	9	Northwestern
4	Chase McLaughlin	K	6-0	190	29	7	Illinois
5	Haason Reddick	OLB	6-1	240	30	9	Temple
6	Baker Mayfield	QB	6-1	215	30	8	Oklahoma
7	Bucky Irving	RB	5-10	195	23	2	Oregon
8o	Connor Bazelak	QB	6-3	225	24	R	Bowling Green
8d	SirVocea Dennis	LB	6-0	230	25	3	Pittsburgh
9	Emeka Egbuka	WR	6-1	205	22	R	Ohio State
10	Trey Palmer	WR	6-1	190	24	3	Nebraska
11	JayVian Farr	CB	5-9	192	23	R	Augustana
13	Mike Evans	WR	6-5	231	32	12	Texas A&M
14	Chris Godwin Jr.	WR	6-1	209	29	9	Penn State
15	Jalen McMillan	WR	6-1	192	23	2	Washington
16	Teddy Bridgewater	QB	6-2	215	32	11	Louisville
17	Sterling Shepard	WR	5-10	194	32	10	Oklahoma
18	Rakim Jarrett	WR	6-0	192	24	3	Maryland
19	Kameron Johnson	WR	5-10	170	23	2	Barton
21	Benjamin Morrison	CB	6-0	190	21	R	Notre Dame
22	Kindle Vildor	CB	5-11	189	27	6	Georgia Southern
23	Tykee Smith	S	5-10	202	24	2	Georgia
24	Tyrek Funderburk	CB	6-0	185	24	2	Appalachian State
25	Jacob Parrish	CB	5-10	198	21	R	Kansas State
26	Kaevon Merriweather	S	6-0	212	25	3	Iowa
27	Zyon McCollum	CB	6-2	199	26	4	Sam Houston State
28	Shilo Sanders	S	6-0	195	25	R	Colorado
29	Christian Izien	S	5-10	200	25	3	Rutgers
30	Jacob Harris	WR	6-5	211	28	3	Central Florida
31	Antoine Winfield Jr.	S	5-9	203	27	6	Minnesota
32	Josh Hayes	CB	6-0	190	26	3	Kansas State
33	Jose Ramirez	OLB	6-2	252	26	2	Eastern Michigan
34	Bryce Hall	CB	6-1	202	27	6	Virginia
35	Jamel Dean	CB	6-1	206	28	7	Auburn
36	Will Brooks	DB	6-1	206	23	R	Tennessee
37	Josh Williams	RB	5-9	210	25	R	Louisiana State
38	Rashad Wisdom	S	5-9	210	24	1	Texas-San Antonio
39	Jase McClellan	RB	5-11	215	23	2	Alabama
41	Ko Kieft	TE	6-5	265	27	4	Minnesota
43	Chris Braswell Jr.	OLB	6-3	255	23	2	Alabama
44	Sean Tucker	RB	5-10	205	23	3	Syracuse
45	Deion Jones	LB	6-1	222	30	9	LSU
46	Roman Parodie	CB	6-2	204	23	R	Ohio
48	Antonio Grier Jr.	LB	6-1	230	25	2	Arkansas
49	Owen Wright	RB	5-9	217	26	2	Monmouth
50	Vita Vea	NT	6-4	347	30	8	Washington
52	C.J. Brewer	DL	6-2	290	27	2	Coastal Carolina
53	Nick Jackson	LB	6-0	235	24	R	Iowa
54	Lavonte David	LB	6-1	233	35	14	Nebraska
56	Desmond Watson	NT	6-5	449	22	R	Florida
57	John Bullock	LB	6-0	230	24	R	Nebraska
58	Markees Watts	OLB	6-1	240	25	3	Charlotte
59	Warren Peeples Jr.	OLB	6-2	230	24	R	Southeastern Louisiana
60	Michael Jordan	G	6-6	315	27	6	Ohio State
62	Graham Barton	C	6-5	314	23	2	Duke
64	Nash Hutmacher	DL	6-4	310	24	R	Nebraska
65	Jake Majors	C	6-3	315	23	R	Texas
66	Ben Scott	G	6-5	310	24	R	Nebraska
67	Luke Goedeke	T	6-5	312	26	4	Central Michigan
68	Ben Bredeson	G	6-5	315	27	6	Michigan
69	Cody Mauch	G	6-6	303	26	3	North Dakota State
70	Benjamin Chukwuma	T	6-6	310	24	R	Georgia State
71	Lorenz Metz	T	6-9	310	28	1	Cincinnati
72	Luke Haggard	T	6-7	305	25	1	Indiana
73	Dvon J-Thomas	DL	6-1	305	24	R	Penn State
74	Tyler McLellan	T	6-8	355	26	2	Campbell
75	Raiqwon O'Neal	T	6-4	305	25	2	UCLA
76	Sua Opeta	G	6-4	305	29	6	Weber State
77	Charlie Heck	T	6-8	311	28	6	North Carolina
78	Tristan Wirfs	T	6-5	320	26	6	Iowa
79	Elijah Klein	G	6-4	319	25	2	Texas-El Paso
80	Jaden Smith	WR	6-6	210	24	R	Nevada
81	Ryan Miller	WR	6-2	221	25	2	Furman
82	Devin Culp	TE	6-4	237	25	2	Washington
83	Tez Johnson	WR	5-10	165	23	R	Oregon
84	Tanner Taula	TE	6-6	255	26	1	Illinois State
85	Garrett Greene	WR	5-11	201	23	R	West Virginia
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87	Payne Durham	TE	6-5	255	25	3	Purdue
88	Cade Otton	TE	6-5	247	26	4	Washington
89	Dennis Houston	WR	6-1	190	26	1	Western Illinois
90	Logan Hall	DL	6-6	283	25	4	Houston
91	Mike Greene	DL	6-3	293	26	3	James Madison
92	Riley Dixon	P	6-4	221	32	10	Syracuse
93	Eric Banks	DL	6-5	274	27	3	Texas-San Antonio
94	Calijah Kancey	DL	6-0	280	24	3	Pittsburgh
95	Elijah Roberts	DL	6-4	295	23	R	Southern Methodist
96	Greg Gaines	DL	6-1	312	29	7	Washington
97	Adam Gotsis	DL	6-4	287	32	10	Georgia Tech
98	Anthony Nelson	OLB	6-7	271	28	7	Iowa

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36	J.J. Roberts	S	6-0	195	23	R	Marshall
51	David Walker	OLB	6-2	260	25	R	Central Ark.

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NO.	NAME	POS.
93	Banks, Eric	DL
62	Barton, Graham	C
8o	Bazelak, Connor	QB
43	Braswell Jr., Chris	OLB
68	Bredeson, Ben	G
52	Brewer, C.J.	DL
16	Bridgewater, Teddy	QB
36	Brooks, Will	DB
57	Bullock, John	LB
70	Chukwuma, Benjamin	T
82	Culp, Devin	TE
54	David, Lavonte	LB
35	Dean, Jamel	CB
86	Deckers, Evan	LS
8d	Dennis, SirVocea	LB
0	Diaby, Yaya	OLB
92	Dixon, Riley	P
87	Durham, Payne	TE
9	Egbuka, Emeka	WR
13	Evans, Mike	WR
11	Farr, JayVian	CB
24	Funderburk, Tyrek	CB
96	Gaines, Greg	DL
14	Godwin Jr., Chris	WR
67	Goedeke, Luke	T
97	Gotsis, Adam	DL
85	Greene, Garrett	WR
91	Greene, Mike	DL
48	Grier Jr., Antonio	LB
72	Haggard, Luke	T
34	Hall, Bryce	CB
90	Hall, Logan	DL
30	Harris, Jacob	WR
32	Hayes, Josh	CB
77	Heck, Charlie	T
89	Houston, Dennis	WR
64	Hutmacher, Nash	DL
7	Irving, Bucky	RB
29	Izien, Christian	S
53	Jackson, Nick	LB
18	Jarrett, Rakim	WR
19	Johnson, Kameron	WR
83	Johnson, Tez	WR
45	Jones, Deion	LB
60	Jordan, Michael	G
73	J-Thomas, Dvon	DL
94	Kancey, Calijah	DL
41	Kieft, Ko	TE
79	Klein, Elijah	G
65	Majors, Jake	C
69	Mauch, Cody	G
6	Mayfield, Baker	QB
39	McClellan, Jase	RB
27	McCollum, Zyon	CB
4	McLaughlin, Chase	K
74	McLellan, Tyler	T
15	McMillan, Jalen	WR
26	Merriweather, Kaevon	S
71	Metz, Lorenz	T
81	Miller, Ryan	WR
21	Morrison, Benjamin	CB
98	Nelson, Anthony	OLB
75	O'Neal, Raiqwon	T
76	Opeta, Sua	G
88	Otton, Cade	TE
10	Palmer, Trey	WR
46	Parodie, Roman	CB
25	Parrish, Jacob	CB
59	Peeples Jr., Warren	OLB
33	Ramirez, Jose	OLB
5	Reddick, Haason	OLB
95	Roberts, Elijah	DL
28	Sanders, Shilo	S
66	Scott, Ben	G
17	Shepard, Sterling	WR
80	Smith, Jaden	WR
23	Smith, Tykee	S
84	Taula, Tanner	TE
2	Trask, Kyle	QB
44	Tucker, Sean	RB
50	Vea, Vita	NT
22	Vildor, Kindle	CB
3	Walker Jr., Anthony	LB
56	Watson, Desmond	NT
58	Watts, Markees	OLB
1	White, Rachaad	RB
37	Williams, Josh	RB
31	Winfield Jr., Antoine	S
78	Wirfs, Tristan	T
38	Wisdom, Rashad	S
49	Wright, Owen	RB

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36	Roberts, J.J.	S
51	Walker, David	OLB

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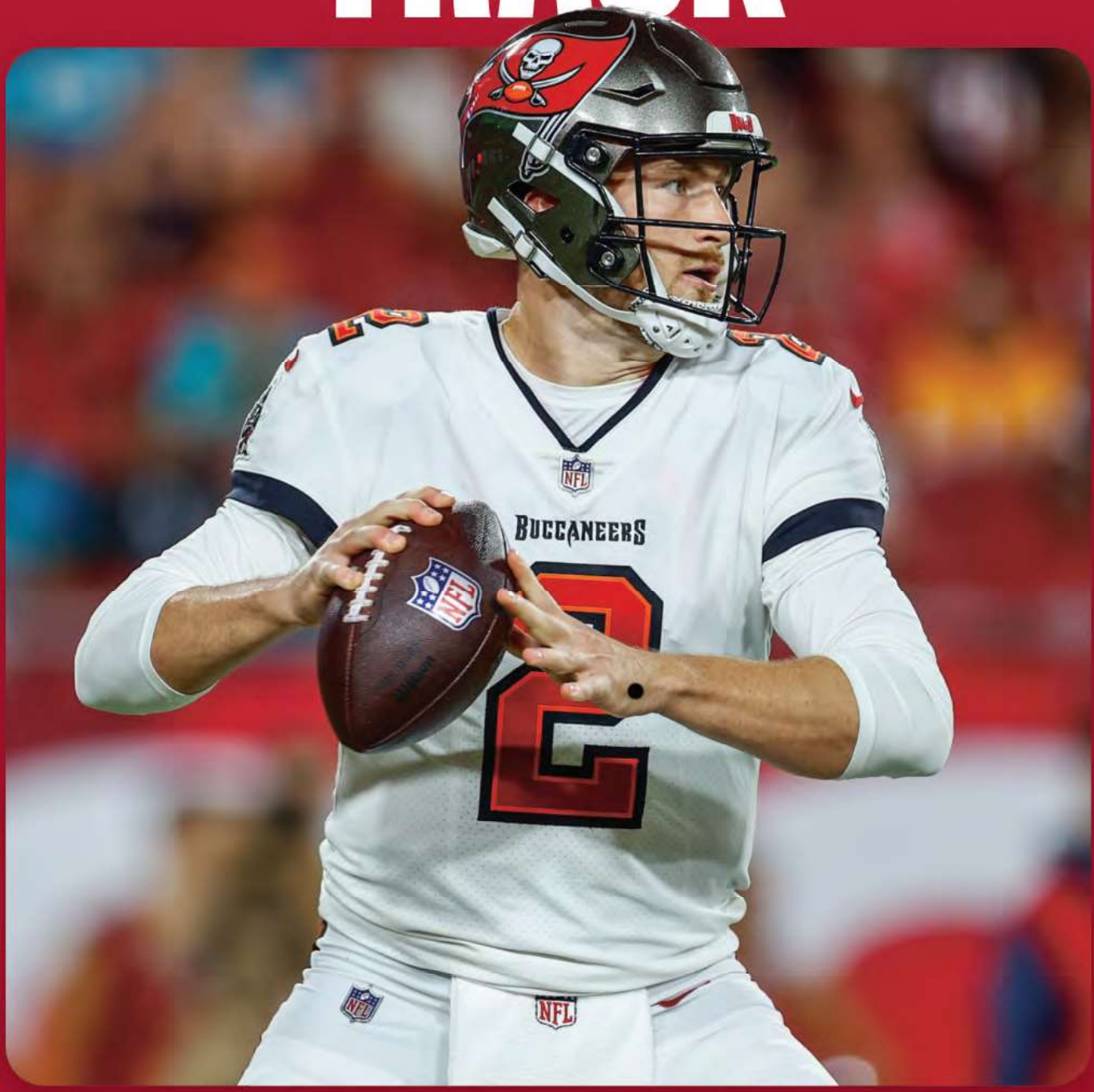

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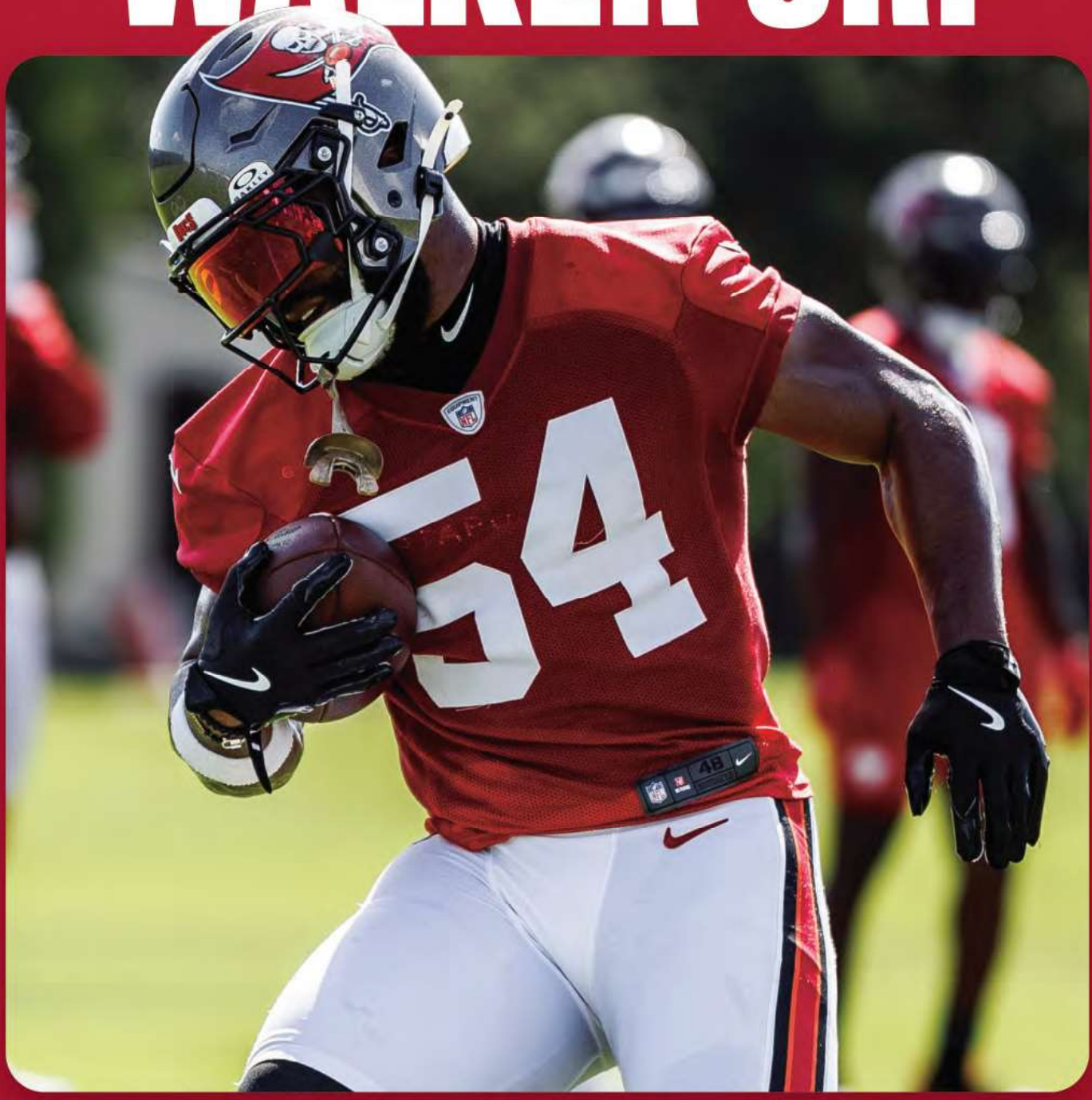

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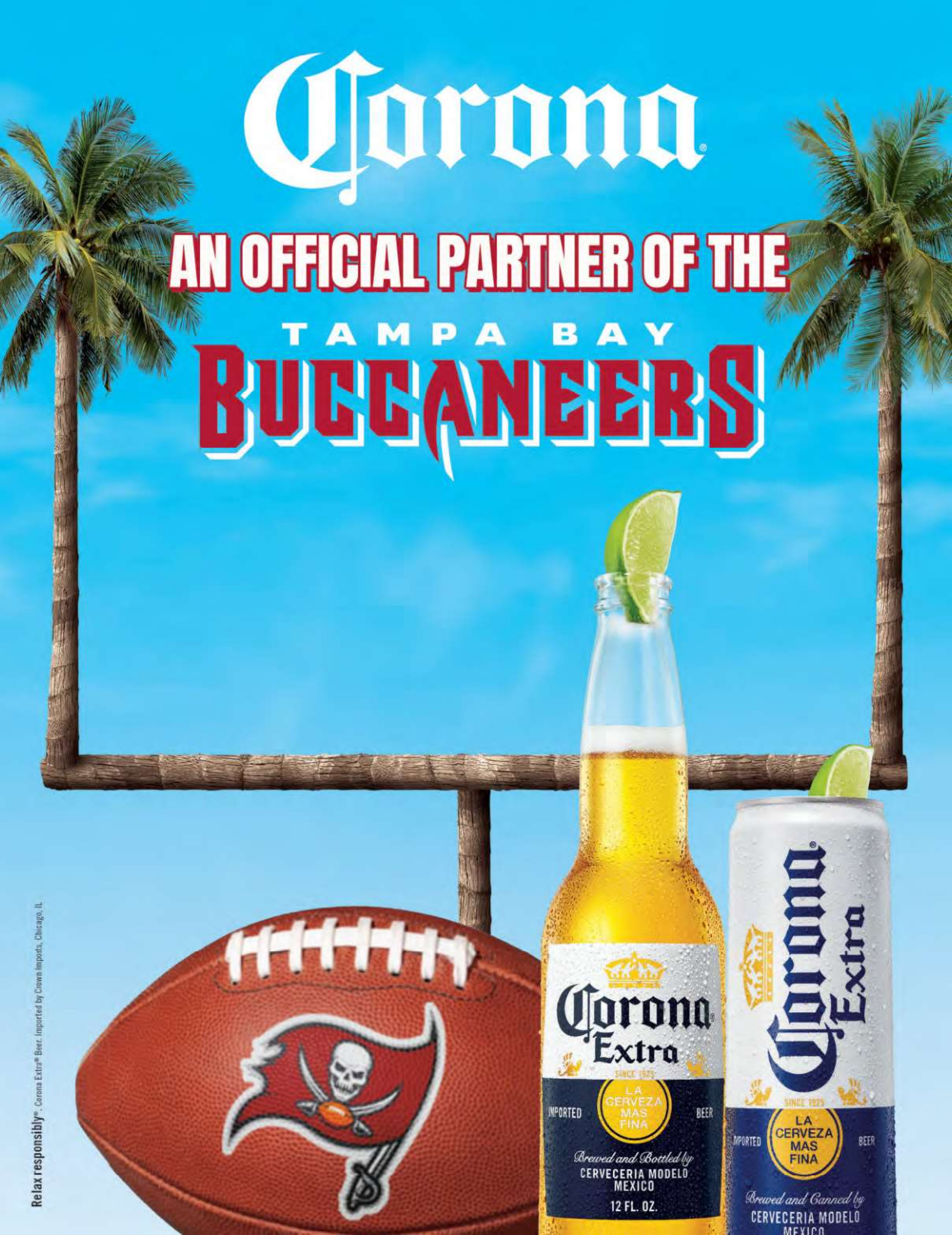
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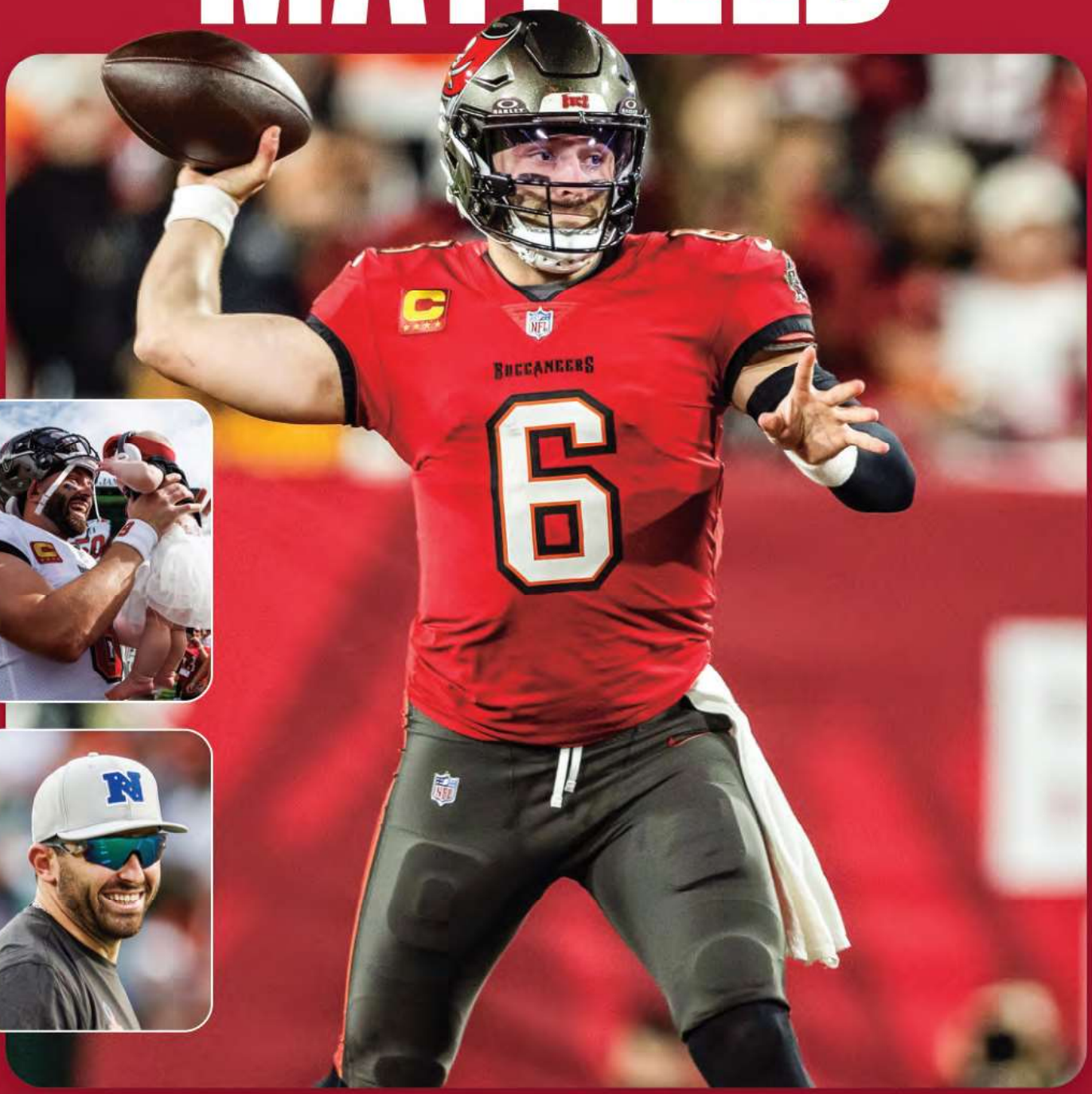

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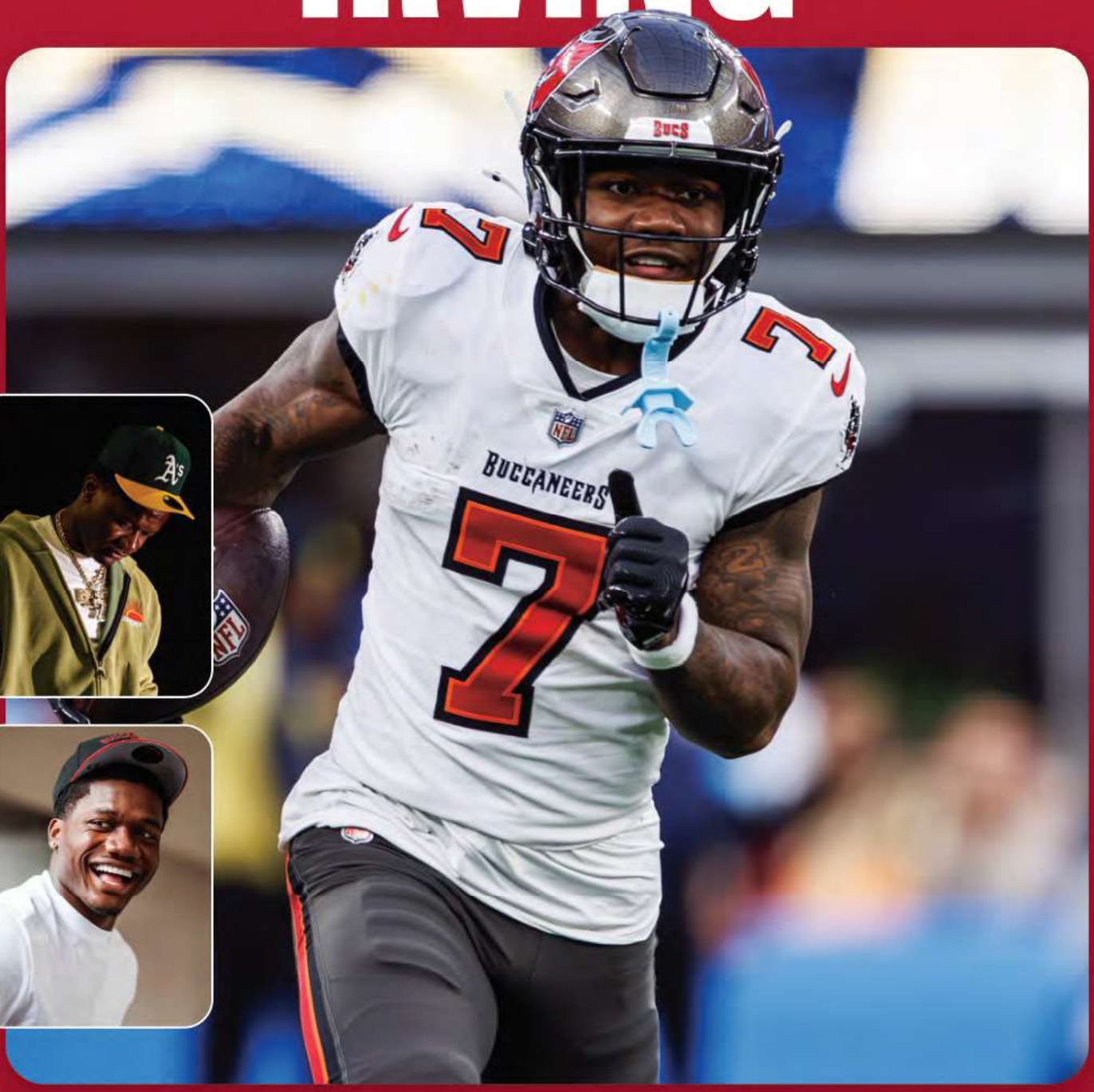

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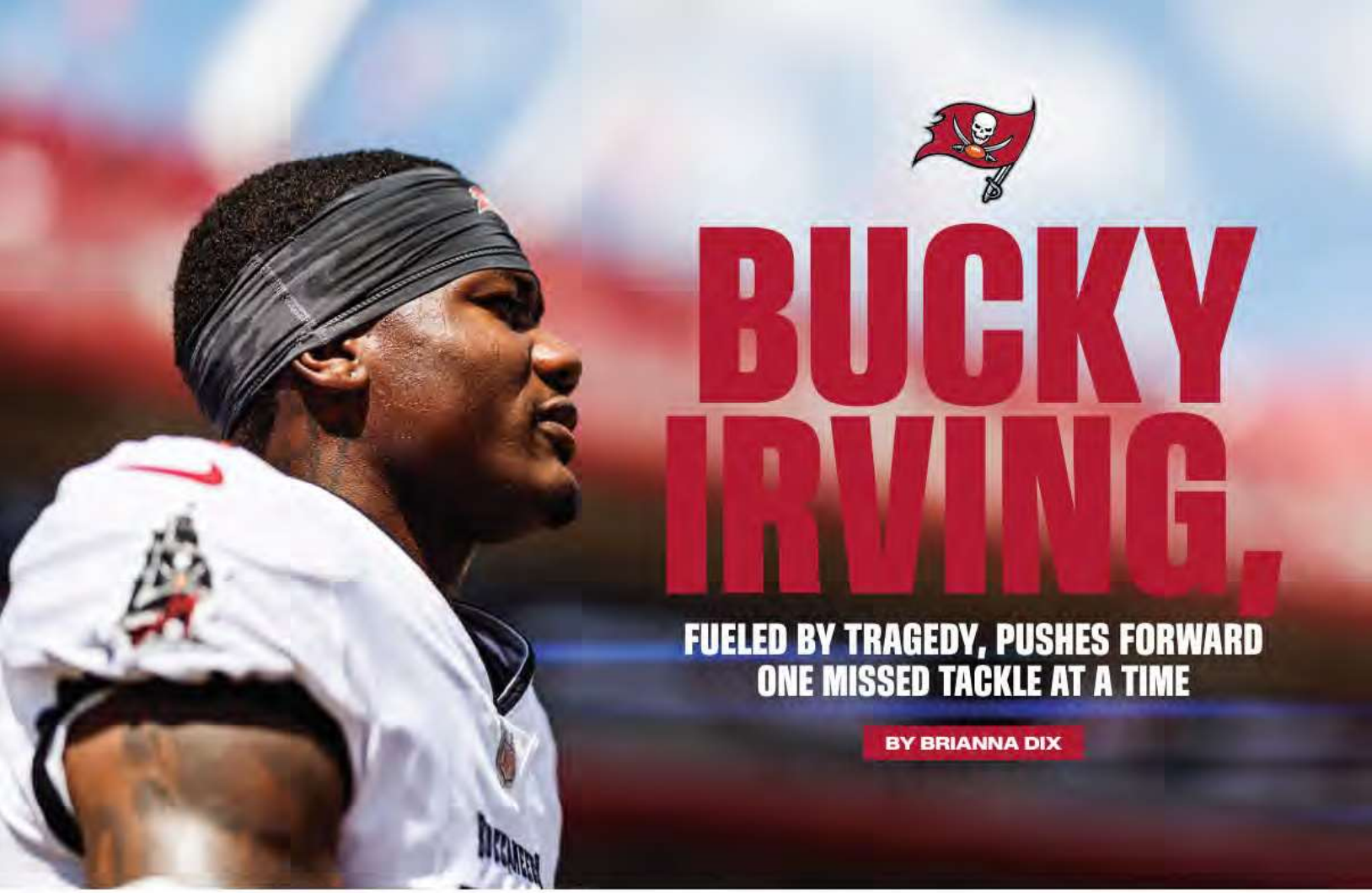

BUCKY IRVING,

FUELED BY TRAGEDY, PUSHES FORWARD ONE MISSED TACKLE AT A TIME

BY BRIANNA DIX

From a life filled with loss on the South Side to All-Rookie honors in the NFL, Bucky Irving followed his obsession and revived the Buccaneers' rushing attack.

Bucky Irving stoically gets into position behind quarterback Baker Mayfield.

Pistol formation.

Sweat beads trickle down his face on this hot, sticky Florida day in October. In the orderly moment of silence before the snap of the ball, Irving's mind reprocesses the three-yard loss two plays before, reinvigorating his mission. Center Graham Barton zips the ball back to Mayfield, who hands it off to Irving on the downhill counter. Left guard Ben Bredeson pulls at the line of scrimmage and left tackle Tristan Wirfs, the second puller, works across the formation to block the playside linebacker.

Irving's responsibility on the play is 'A-gap to expand.' Patiently following his blockers, Irving stays on the inside hip of Wirfs and accelerates. He immediately notices the Atlanta safety waiting in the hole and makes a sharp cut to the right. First miss. With panoramic vision, Irving then identifies the cornerback in the open field and instincts kick in. He makes a lethal lateral jump-cut to bypass the hand-fighting corner, leaving him grasping at threads. Second miss. He barrels forward for a gain of 15 yards and a subsequent Bucs' first down, awakening the home crowd.

"BUCKY, BUCKY, BUCKY" chants ring out inside Raymond James Stadium, creating palpable excitement. That series, shaped by the conflicting duality of defeat then victory, encapsulates Irving's innate resolve. It is the fundamental reason football enthusiasts are infatuated with the young running back in Tampa Bay.

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It is early afternoon in May 2025 when the missed-tackle machine strolls down the hallway at the AdventHealth Training Center. A cannon-fire earshot away from the hash marks where his prowess resurrected the Buccaneers' ground game in 2024, Irving strides with purpose. This day, for this second-year running back, provides a glimpse into his intentionality: His desire for greatness. Irving's tumultuous background fuels his competitive drive on the field. His voracious passion for the game and mental strength stretch beyond what is conventional. The very nature in which he plays the game is an anomaly.

Few players are able to leave a significant imprint during their inaugural campaign in the NFL. Fewer are able to transform a ground game that had been a league afterthought into a top-five unit. Even fewer are able to shatter franchise records and rank among the NFL's best, as Irving did. Fewer still have the humble demeanor that anchors them. Irving produced a prolific rookie campaign, yet he presents the antithesis of self-absorption, and is uncomfortable with lavish attention.

Irving shifts on the sofa as the weight of his rookie performance hits. A soft smile forms on his face as he crams a year's-worth of highlights and workouts into a few allotted seconds, punctuating his 2024 mental archive. Irving allows himself to briefly reminisce – only for a second – on previous achievements, then responds with utter clarity.

"I've got to do it again."

The words hang in the air as reality returns like a jolt of electricity. No boastfulness from Irving, just a gnawing desire to be remembered as one of the greats. That mindset is what motivates this 22-year-old from the South Side of Chicago. Instead of dwelling on personal milestones, he refuses complacency.

From the first moment he watched his cousins play football in the street at the age of four, he sensed his destiny and visualized it. Growing up in a house of 13, including aunts, uncles and cousins, Irving learned to survive through smack talking, which was usually settled outside in the dirt. After repeatedly begging to play football to the entire household, or frankly anyone in his vicinity, Irving was permitted to take part in a single drill. He experienced his introductory baptism by fire moment with his cousin, Tyrion, affectionately known as "Herkey." Herkey flattened five-year-old Bucky in an "Oklahoma" exercise in the front yard. The tactic, where two

players (often one offensive and one defensive) run at each other head-on and collide to simulate a blocking scenario, is designed to test a player's toughness.

"I knew he was going to be special when he was able to play with us," said Bucky's uncle, Jeff Irving. "At first, I was letting him know that it is kind of dangerous. I held him back and I was kind of responsible for him, even though I was a kid myself. I was one of the older kids at the time and I let him know that if he got hurt, I could not stop it when the game was going. I let him sit out for a couple weeks and he kept begging and kept begging, so I said, 'Ok, come on. Come play. We are not going to take it light on you.' He never looked back and every year, he got better."

On the lawn, Irving's endurance was forged. After Irving took the hit in acceptable fashion, Jeff signed his nephew up for a local football team, the Hazel Crest Mustangs, where he played leading up to middle school. He made a name for himself at the pee wee level, dominating the circuit in Chicago for years. Football became a welcome distraction for Irving amidst the harsh realities of his neighborhood. Despite teachers that tried to dissuade his aspiration of one day playing in celebrated stadiums, Irving remained steadfast in his conviction and the chip on his shoulder grew tenfold.

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Irving endured the unfiltered opinions of others and in the process, fortified his resolve. When asked the stereotypical essay questions, "What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your plan?" by educators, Irving emphatically scribbled the only thing that seemed to set his soul ablaze: Make it to the NFL. Over and over, Irving was persuaded to change his answer, but he pursued his dream and continued writing the same response, in ink. In those early-defining moments, his commitment was forged. Plan B did not exist.

Beginning at the pee wee level, Irving closely monitored Jeff's training regimen for high school football and the little X's and O's junkie pioneered his own strict routine at the age of five. Without prompting, Irving got up at sunrise and ran up and down 'The Big Apple,' a giant hill near their house, in preparation for his own football scrimmages. With every pace on the hill, as breathing became labored and muscles throbbed, Irving powered forward and envisioned donning his own NFL threads. Every day after school, Irving went to practice two hours early to watch the older kids play and studied every nuance. After each session, Irving stayed after to watch his relatives flash on the grass, including his brother, Jordan Raybon. Irving observed every play call unfold with the exuberance of a first-time spectator.

"That hill was not easy to run up and down and for someone not to force you or tell you to go do it, that is something different," said Jeff. "I never had to beg him to go to practice. He was already there hours before at pee wee and all levels. He wants to do it all and control the game. He never wanted to come off the field and he would play defense if he had to. In high school, he played nose tackle. That is hard to do but he did it. Who plays nose tackle in varsity football in high school at that size? Who does that and gets sacks and beats guys off the ball? Who does that? He did. You have to really be built different to do that. You had to drag him off the field. He was like that then, and it is the same now."

Irving's tunnel vision catapulted him forward. After his freshman year at Morgan Park, Irving transferred to Hillcrest High School in Country Club Hills. That year, he won the starting running back job and averaged 156.5 rushing yards per game, spurring Hillcrest to a 12-1 record and a 2018

conference title. Known for his ability to make defenders miss at the point of contact, Irving dazzled. He ran for 3,264 yards during his three-year career at Hillcrest and was named first-team all-state and the South Suburban Conference Player of the Year after posting 1,733 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior, along with 21 receptions for 405 yards and four touchdowns.

Irving was also a standout player on the hardwood, controlling the pace of the game with ball distribution. He lettered in basketball at Hillcrest as the team's starting point guard and led the team in scoring as a junior, guiding the Hawks to first place in the conference. In addition to his football accolades, Irving earned Conference Player of the Year honors in basketball as a junior. On the court, he showed the same competitive disposition as he did on the grass.

In a 2020 showdown against Homewood-Flossmoor, Irving spurred the club to victory at the buzzer. Down by one with the clock winding down, Irving drove to the basket like a man possessed. He leapt through the air for a layup off the glass as time expired to give the Hawks a 56-55 win. The truly defining moment came just before the game-sealing shot. With 10 seconds remaining, Irving missed a three-pointer. For most, that play would have shattered confidence, but not for the five-foot-10, multi-faceted star. Instead, that moment revealed his mental fortitude. Homewood-Flossmoor missed a one-on-one and Irving capitalized, succeeding in the pressure-packed moment. The bouts of adversity that Irving had grown accustomed to, both at home and in athletic endeavors, not only fueled him but served as empowerment.

Although Hillcrest did not receive the notoriety of other high school football powerhouses in the country, which garner increased visibility for players and a larger presence with recruiters, Irving made his mark underneath the floodlights on Friday nights. His electrifying play powered the Hawks' quest for the 2019 conference title, a game shy of the state finals. Irving shook defenders out of their cleats with his cutting skills and shifty feet. His fables on the field in Country Club Hills were legendary and college programs took notice.

"He was always the person that would take it one day at a time and even if a door was not open, he would find a way," described Jeff. "Even the high school Bucky went to, it was hard to get recognition from schools in the area. No matter what, he was going to stay up all night studying the playbook. He was always locked in. Bucky was going to find a way. He loves that pressure. He likes going through hard things and he never takes a short cut. He has not done it so far. He would play for free – he loves the game that much."

Irving was named the No. 23 running back in the 2021 recruiting class and the No. 4 recruit in Illinois after his condensed senior campaign due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Offers began to roll in from a plethora of Big Ten schools and MAC programs. Irving reached a crossroads in May of 2019. The day that should have generated tears of joy quickly spiraled into numbing devastation that consumed him. Minnesota offered Irving a scholarship on May 9, the same day that his beloved grandma, Darlene Irving, passed away. Unbeknownst to Irving in the moment, he had entered the crucible of his life, one that would test his resilience.

Darlene, who exuded love and wore dignity daily, lived a life so meaningful that death seemed unfathomable. She served as Irving's unwavering

supporter, wrapping him in tight embraces until he believed every single aspiration would come to fruition, just as she did. From her famous neckbones and cornbread soup to her genuine nature of helping others as a nurse, Darlene functioned as Irving's backbone. As her Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) worsened, she felt compelled to articulate a vision to Irving. Today, that conversation is forever cherished and bookmarked in Irving's mental library.

"One day, I will not be here," Darlene said. "If you keep working hard, you will make it to the NFL."

Back in the Buccaneers' facility, as Irving tries to quantify the influence of his late grandmother, he starts to laugh. Then, as her memory fully floods his mind, the chuckling softens as tears accumulate.

"She played a big part in my life because we all used to live in one house, and she always provided for us and made sure we had everything we needed. I used to watch her go to work. My dad passed away when I was two and I never got a chance to meet him, but I got to see the role my grandma played. I used to think she was my mom at times because of the way she treated us and every person she met. She always wanted to make people happy and when she passed, it was hard.

"She had always been there for us and we never needed for anything. We always went to grandma, and of course she was going to tell us, 'Yes.' I got offered the same day by Minnesota and with all of the offers from schools coming in, I did not want to go. I was still at the hospital when I received the offer that day and I decided to go that route because a coach from Minnesota came out to see me on that hard day when I was dealing with grief so I thought that was the right fit. They took the time to come out on that day. I know that my grandma is always with me – I have her tatted on the back of my leg, the day she was born and her name. Every day I go out there on the field, I do it for my mom, my brother and my grandma. That is just the chip I have on my shoulder, and I know that she is watching me every day. That is why I give it my all."

The next couple of years proved to be the most formative of Irving's life. He continued to process his grief and became fixated on making his grandmother proud. Irving committed to the Golden Gophers almost exactly a year later. He felt it was serendipitous and set his sights on Darlene's last verbal manifestation. As part of the Gophers' backfield committee as a freshman, Irving finished second on the team in rushing with 699 yards and 133 carries to go along with four touchdowns. He led the team with 966 all-purpose yards, posting 194 yards on kickoff returns in 2021.

Just as things seemed to calm, tragedy struck again on an otherwise unremarkable spring day. Following practice on March 17, 2022, as Irving sat in a massage chair, his phone lit up with 'Mom' flashing on the caller ID.

He answered and could only make out frightened yells on the other end from his mother, LaTisha Irving. After what seemed like an eternity of deciphering, Irving heard the words, "They killed your brother." Jordan 'JoJo' Raybon, Irving's younger brother, was shot to death in the 16800 block of Bulger, Hazel Crest. After the news registered, Irving went home and tried to make sense of losing his 15-year-old sidekick. The world as he knew it, shattered into a million pieces. No more Madden marathons. No more football matchups in the street. No more daily conversations on the phone to make up for the fact that JoJo lived two blocks over. No more competitive jabs that ended in convulsions of laughter. But as days passed and the mind quieted, it became apparent to Irving that love transcends even death.

The twin legacies of his grandmother and brother,

embedded in Irving's soul, permeate everything he does. He lives for multiple people, aiming to recapture their spirits in daily tasks. The loss that Irving endured would have broken many individuals, but instead of residing in bitterness, Irving chose to build a legacy that would make his brother and grandma proud.

"Going back to Minnesota when I did after my brother died and I lost my grandma, those things kind of happened back-to-back," stressed Irving. "Being able to go through that and get through that and having the people around me that were there for me, I would say that is the greatest turning point of my life because some guys would shut down after that and some use it as motivation. I chose to use it as motivation."

Every time Irving steps onto the field, he wants the watching world to feel where he comes from. Every forced missed tackle that creates a beam on the face of an onlooker is the same merriment that Irving experienced as a child in the arms of his grandmother, or tackling his brother in a one-on-one skirmish. He strives to capture and recreate that same joy on the field. That is why if he has a series or play that does not meet his personal standard, he comes out with a vengeance the next. If there is an error, Irving studies it over and over to prevent making the same mistake twice.

In April of 2022, a month after the death of JoJo, Irving decided to enter the transfer portal. In May, he announced his transfer to Oregon. He wanted to showcase greater variety in a scheme that aligned with his play style, and Irving also needed an environment conducive to his journey of grief.

Irving became a two-year starter at Oregon, surpassing 1,000 rushing yards in both of his campaigns in Eugene. In Will Stein's zone-read-based attack, Irving led all FBS backs in catches (56) in 2023 and received second-team All-Pac-12 honors that year after posting career highs in carries (186), yards (1,180), rushing touchdowns (11), receptions and receiving yards (413). He ignited the Ducks' offense and amassed 156 carries for 1,058 yards and five rushing touchdowns in 2022, earning honorable mention All-Pac-12 recognition. Irving's contact balance and ability to get skinny in the hole and stop-and-start on a dime, caused problems for defenses in the Pac-12. His instincts on the field and

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While at Minnesota, Irving adapted his film study procedure. He learned how to properly analyze film from Mohamed Ibrahim, who taught him to fixate on how linebackers and safeties fit runs, along with specific keys to examine in defensive structures. Irving carried that same philosophy to Oregon, along with his detailed training strategy, beginning at 5 a.m.

For Irving, every decision was deliberate: Practice with the intensity of a playoff game and prepare like it is the state championship. At a young age, Irving had the maturity to understand that outcomes cannot be controlled. But he could control his discipline, attitude and intangibles. For the betterment of the team and his leadership, Irving mentored receiver Tez Johnson.

"When I first got to Oregon, Bucky brought me along on the process and told me that I had to get into a routine," Johnson detailed. "The team meeting would be at 7:30 and I was rolling up at 7:25. But Bucky set me down and told me that I needed to get into a routine and told me that he got up at 5. He said, 'Either you want to be the best in the country, or you want to be average as grits.' That was the first time he told me something real at Oregon. He would get up at 5 and then when he got in the building, he was doing the hot tub, the cold tub and he would sit and listen to his music before going straight to the meeting room. He got all his plays down and everything he knew he had to have for the upcoming game.

"He would then watch film and go sit in the team meeting room. Mind you, the team meeting is at 7:30 and he is in there at 6:30, just waiting. Most guys were just waking up at 7, when Bucky had already been there for two hours. He was always ahead. When he brought me along for that journey, I realized that he wanted the best for me, and he trusted me with certain things. When he showed me that, things started progressing with our friendship. In my inner circle, it was Bo [Nix], Bucky, Tez. His routine is phenomenal, and no one was going to be there before him."

Irving based everything around creating a culture to nurture ambition. His view of greatness is based upon how often he can replicate perfection of his craft on a daily basis. Irving embraced every aspect of his responsibilities on the field to bolster the offense.

"The biggest thing that stood out to me was his character and his work ethic," noted Buccaneers' National Scout Antwon Murray. "They talked about him being one of the first guys in and one of the last guys out and how competitive he was. I remember them talking about his fun-loving personality and his coach raved about his dedication to the film room and preparation. He told me how good Bucky was in pass pro and how he made himself better in that regard to understand what was coming, cross and step up into the A-gap. That is what made me interested.

"He practiced hard and he was nailing guys. Then on tape, he was explosive, quick, good on third down, ran hard and he caught the ball well. Everything came out on tape and he got a lot of tough yardage and was a safety blanket at Oregon. Everything that we talk about wanting in that running back room and wanting in a kid, Bucky was that. We talk a lot about getting guys that have been through adversity, and he had been through it all and continued to progress to get to where he is now."

After two years with the Ducks, Irving elected to skip his senior season to enter the 2024 NFL Draft. Although he was hailed for his vision, undisputed love for football and heroics after contact, his size became the narrative during the pre-draft process. He was regarded as a polarizing prospect that had the potential to be a scat back and fit into a zone scheme. By many teams, Irving was labeled as 'too small' for their athletic threshold and despite his dynamic playmaking skills evidenced on Oregon tape and at his Pro Day, Irving's draft testing at the Combine including a sub-30" vertical, 4.55 40-yard dash and a 2.11 Relative Athletic Score caused him to slide on draft boards.

However, the Buccaneers saw something else. When Tampa Bay's decision-makers turned on the film and analyzed the 195-pound back from Chicago, they perceived one inherent attribute that many underestimated: heart. The Bucs' brass looked at what Irving is made of outside the white lines and concluded that when defeat occurs in whatever facet, he will be the one to get up.

"I was looking over his report last night and I had, 'He is quicker than fast,' because I think he ran a 4.55-second 40, maybe, and he is a guy that can be caught from behind," said Bucs' National Scout Andy Speyer. "We knew that but he is quicker than fast; he can make that first defender miss and is able to make guys miss in space and the quickness is really good. Not everyone has that ability. You cannot teach toughness and I think a lot of what he has had to go though in his life and deal with adversity, yes he can be guarded and protective of himself, but I think it shows on the field. He has that toughness that you cannot coach and the determination to be successful. What he dealt with growing up, not everyone has that ability to get through that. I think that toughness shows as an inside runner."

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On Saturday, April 27, 2024, the Buccaneers made a move that would change the trajectory of their offense. With the 125th overall pick in the fourth round, General Manager Jason Licht called Irving and uttered the life-altering words, "You are about to be a Buc." Licht trusted his gut and dialed the phone. That decision revived the Buccaneers' ground game in 2024.

"I think Jason deserves the credit," noted Murray. "Jason has an amazing eye, and I think he sees talent and fit and value so much different. Jason just has a way to see all of that information and to place value on it. He is not afraid to pull the trigger. I think he did a great job of getting Bucky at the right spot and trusting and believing what he saw. We all saw him kind of in the same range and Jason said, 'I think he is a little bit better.' He pulled the trigger. We all really liked him, but it took Jason to really, really like him and to pull the trigger when he did. A year later, look at us now."

Only four running backs were drafted within the first three rounds of the 2024 Draft. Over the last 10 years as the league has become more pass-centric with defenses countering with nickel personnel and smaller, speedier threats on the back end, the running back position has been devalued, in contrast to the bygone days of smash-mouth football where bruisers pushed the pile forward. Most were selected on Day Three and Irving knows each player taken before him by name. Those five backs are engraved in Irving's subconscious.

Jonathon Brooks, Round 2 (pick 46)

Trey Benson, Round 3 (pick 66)

Blake Corum, Round 3 (pick 83)

MarShawn Lloyd, Round 3 (pick 88)

Jaylen Wright, Round 4 (pick 120)

"I kept that anger and used it as motivation," noted Irving. "I was pissed. I was waiting for three days, so just being there and seeing everybody get drafted, it lit a fire in me. Because I basically talked to all of those teams and then seeing how they viewed me, anytime I get a chance to go against any of those teams, I punish them for not calling my name on draft night."

Irving has been counted out his entire life so why would draft night have gone any differently? Instead of complaining or posting a rant on social media, Irving put his head down and went to work. He had weathered countless storms before that would have been the end of the story for many people. Every drill, every weight, every meeting session, Irving had 31 teams plastered in his skull and one guiding directive: payback. He operated with calculated obsession, prepared for his moment in the pros.

"Coming into the league, he was a fourth-round pick and that work ethic shows up," described Speyer. "The great ones, they have that. When Tom [Brady] was here, that is what we saw and Tom was a sixth-round pick but through his work ethic and determination, he was able to become probably the greatest quarterback to ever play the game. Bucky has some of those characteristics. I am not saying that he is going to be the greatest running back of all time but he has some of those characteristics that help elevate his game."

As a rookie, Irving etched his name in Bucs' lore. He never placed parameters on his imagination and instead nullified preconceived barriers regarding his size. Inspiration cannot come from simply accomplishing what people believe to be possible. It comes from defying the ordinary mold, redefining what is achievable. That is exactly what Irving did during his rookie campaign. With hunger, he set out to chase perfection, maximizing every opportunity.

Irving concluded the 2024 season as the highest-graded rookie according to Pro Football Focus, becoming the only running back with a 90-plus grade in both rushing and receiving. Tampa Bay's 5.3 rushing yards per attempt last season set a new franchise record, as did its 2,536 total rushing yards. Irving's 37.1% missed tackle percentage led the NFL, and his 76 missed tackles forced ranked first among rookies.

He was selected to the 2024 PFWA All-Rookie Team and led the rookie class in scrimmage yards (1,514), rushing yards (1,122) and rushing touchdowns (eight). Irving's franchise record 5.4 yards per rush attempt average is the third-highest mark in NFL annals among rookies with 200-plus rush attempts in a season, trailing only Adrian Peterson (5.6 in 2007) and Clinton Portis (5.5 in 2002). His 1,514 yards from scrimmage is the second-most by a rookie in Bucs' history, trailing only Doug Martin (1,926 in 2012).

The first-year phenom gained an additional 609 yards after forcing missed tackles in 2024, second-most in the league behind only Derrick Henry (753) per Next Gen Stats. Irving averaged 5.5 yards per carry on rushes outside the tackles (fifth-most among running backs, minimum of 50 such carries) and 5.3 yards per carry on rushes inside the tackles (second-most among running backs) this season. Yards after contact, what had been the San Francisco 49ers' specialty, became Tampa Bay's trademark in 2024 largely due to Irving's aptitude.

Generally, backs that fall under a similar weight class as Irving are utilized primarily on the edge. However, Irving's ability to command lateral movements and get vertical, makes him a sneaky threat between the tackles. He has the short-area quickness to bypass penetrating defensive tackles that many do not possess. With powerful leg drive, Irving stays upright and easily maneuvers through arm tackles, squeezing through the hole. As a result of his fortification in the film room, he finds lanes that do not exist for many backs in the league. The improvisational skills of Irving are remarkable and his propensity to reverse the field is reminiscent of arguably the best to ever do it at the position, Barry Sanders. Defenses have to account for Irving when he steps onto the field, the mark of a cornerstone fixture. In 2025, Irving and his former Oregon teammate were reunited when the Buccaneers drafted Johnson in the seventh round.

"I watch him because he plays like he is having fun," stated best friend, Tez Johnson. "He is not playing like a robot. He is playing like a kid that just picked up the football for the first time. It is a video game. When I watched his highlights in Tampa Bay when I was still at Oregon and heard the crowd chanting his name, it is just meant for him. He deserves everything that comes his way. I love the way he plays. He is shifty and powerful, and he can be gone in the blink of an eye. He is one of those running backs that you really have to look out for. One hundred times or not, I am going to say that Bucky is the best running back in the league. I stand on that. Everything that he has been through as a kid and still to this day, he has prevailed. He is always going to find a way to make the best out of it and smile through it. I am pretty sure one day Bucky will get a gold jacket. I cannot wait."

Every time he goes into the huddle, Irving is dissecting defensive personnel. What defenders are coming in? Any substitutions? Are they going heavy set? Are they in their nickel package? Then, based on who is coming in and what the play call is, he already has a plan in motion and understands the

defense's tendencies – whether they are penetrators, two-gappers that sit and hold the line, or whether the linebackers overflow. Irving understands if he needs to press the gap a little more to allow for over-pursuit. His mind shuffles through a variety of scenarios based on the down-and-distance but preparation leads to separation from average. Irving has a good feel for the weak points of the opposition and exploits it.

Last season, many of his highlight-reel plays came off of gap runs. In that scheme, the runner has to make quick decisions and react to the flow of the play. In 2024, Irving thrived on counter traps, a scheme he ran at a high frequency in Eugene. He is adept at staying in-phase with the puller and accelerating off the puller's block once he makes contact. Then, Irving is able to showcase his second-level mastery. Those runs became his bread-and-butter, creating a variety of ways to get him in space. Irving possesses the patience to not out-run his blockers and once the guard wraps around to the MIKE linebacker, Irving is off.

"Bucky has a great feel for those counters and what impressed me the most when he got here was his ability to see the whole field as a runner and as a pass-receiver," described Running Backs Coach Skip Peete. "He could see the angles that defenders were trying to come and tackle him. He has a plan on how he is going to attack them and I do not think everybody in this league has a plan. Some people focus on the footwork and going through the right hole but when things get muddy, how do they respond? Bucky has a plan to get out of those situations.

"He visualizes things as a runner and dreams about it. I think he has a great recall of what he ran prior and, 'Okay, the safety hit it here, so this time, I am going to set him up and make it look like I am going here, but I am actually going to go over here.' He has a plan within the game. He is attacking the defense. The defense is not attacking him. He has this ability to take a glancing blow instead of a big, direct shot, and that is also something that not everybody can do. You can do it in drill work with bags but the speed in the drill is not like in the game. It is more natural instinct and he utilizes it well."

During his rookie year, Irving's play energized a crowd starved for a robust ground game. For Irving, it was not always a play of 15 or 20-plus yards that left onlookers speechless, sometimes it was a gain of two yards where he managed to juke eight defenders to traverse the gridiron behind the line of scrimmage, leaving defenders tackling air. Like an artist, every hardship overcome with perseverance is conveyed in Irving's work between the hash marks.

Every time his cleats sink into the grass, he whispers a simple prayer to the heavens, "Watch over me." He does not play to accumulate accolades, instead, to memorialize those that are not in the stands – his grandmother, brother and father. Like his devotion to family, he pushes harder for the giddy little boy in the bleachers donning a No. 7 jersey with 'Irving' engraved like a badge of honor. Irving's demeanor is different, curating moves rarely seen in the backfield.

Back in the studio, Irving clenches a podcast mic hanging from its stand as he attempts to reflect on his achievements in 2024. But while many athletes in the modern age crave publicity and the spotlight, Irving avoids it. He presents an unassuming demeanor and is defined by humility. Buried underneath headlines and heralded titles is one of the most modest stars in sports. For Irving, the game is not about generating esteemed praise or personal awards, it is about breaking the opposition's will to bring the Buccaneers to victory.

After a long pause, Irving speaks with authority.

"I've got to do it again. We are not living in the past. Last year is over. What is Bucky going to do in 2025?"

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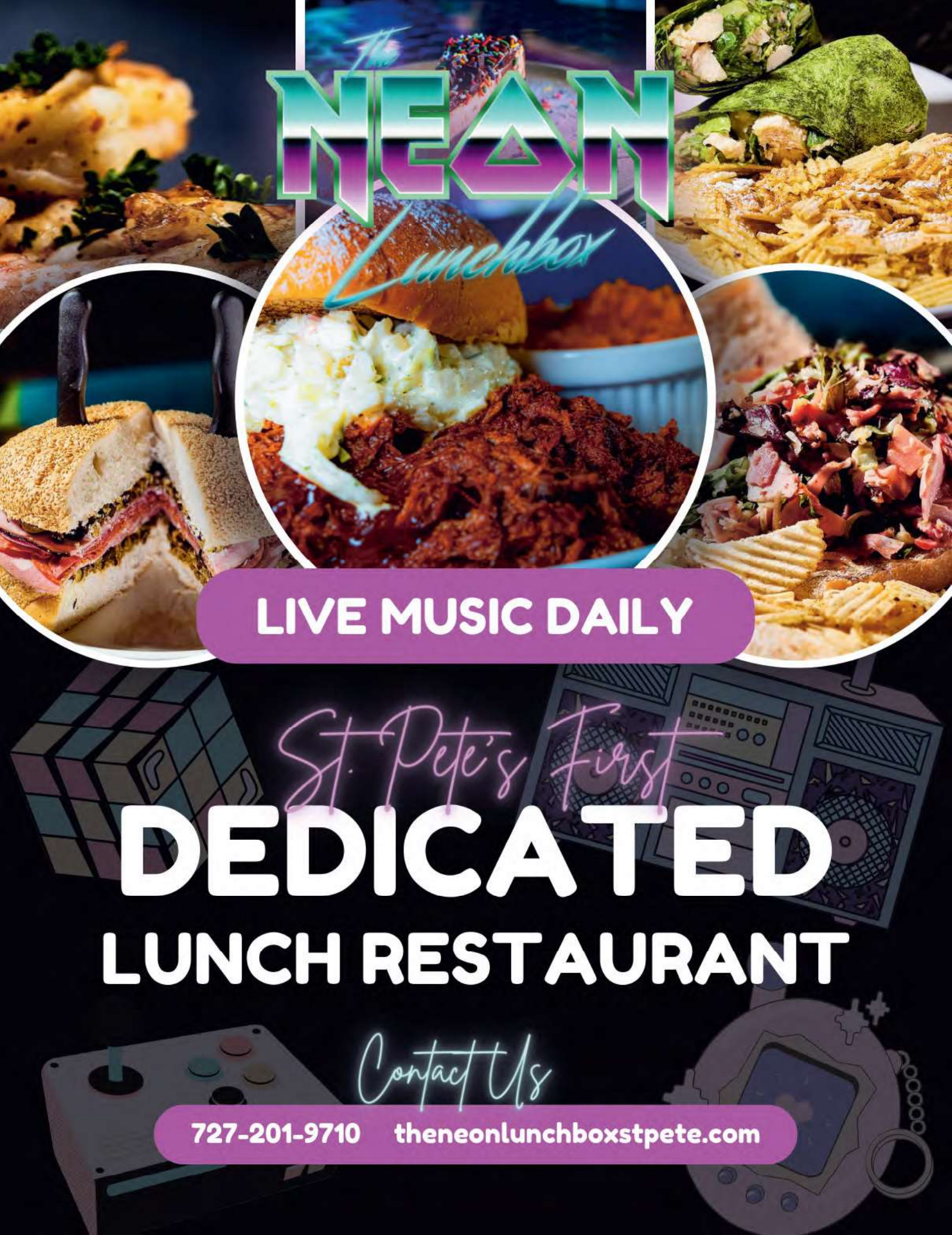
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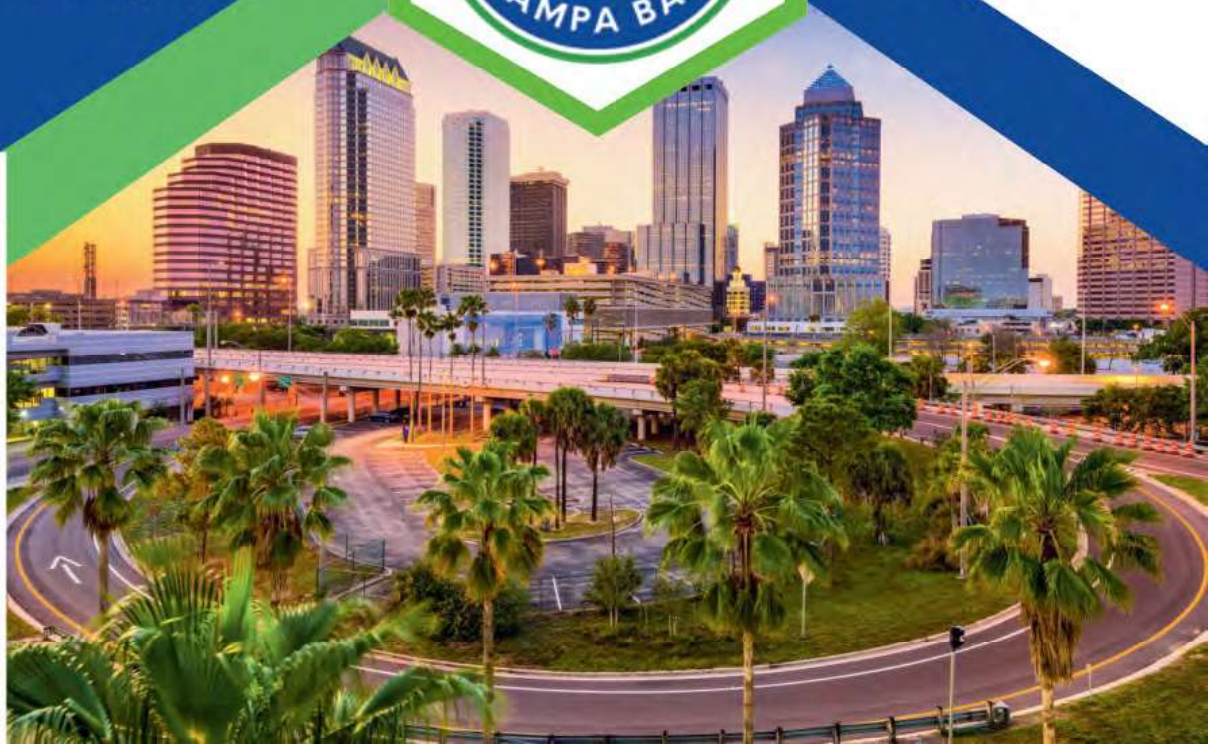

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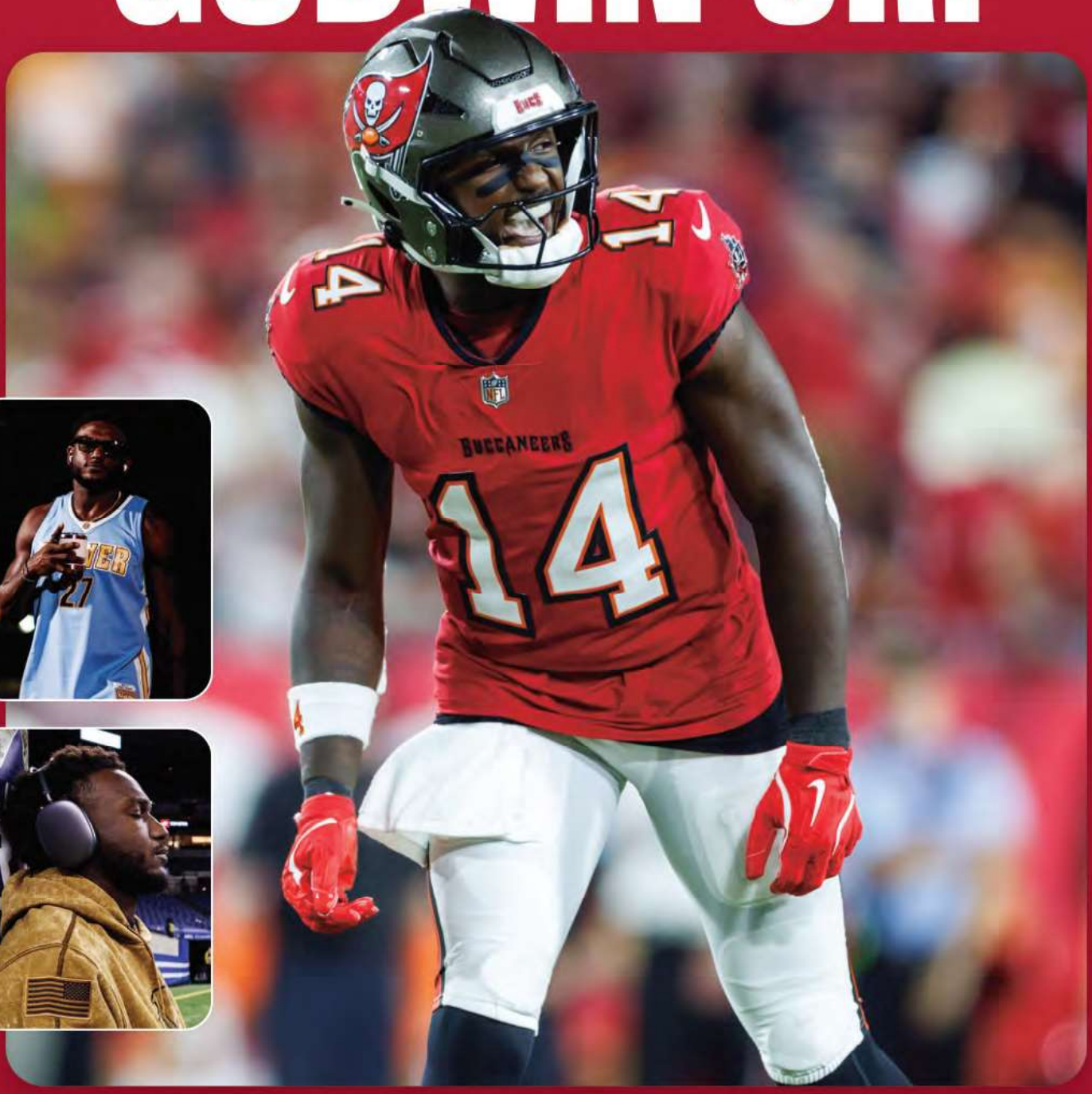

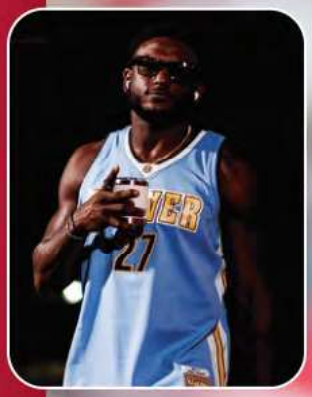

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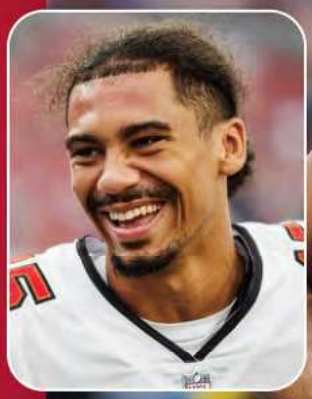

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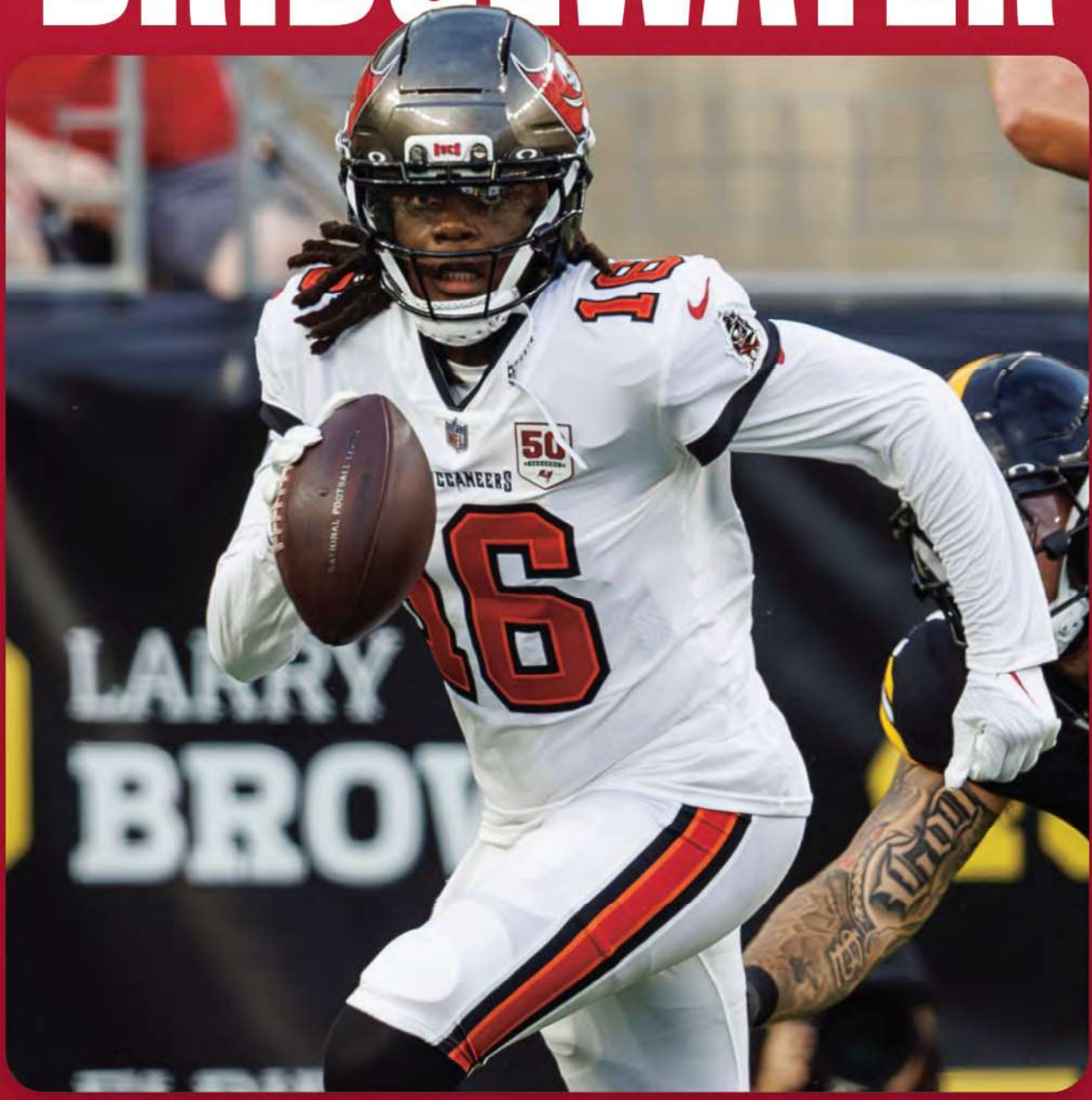

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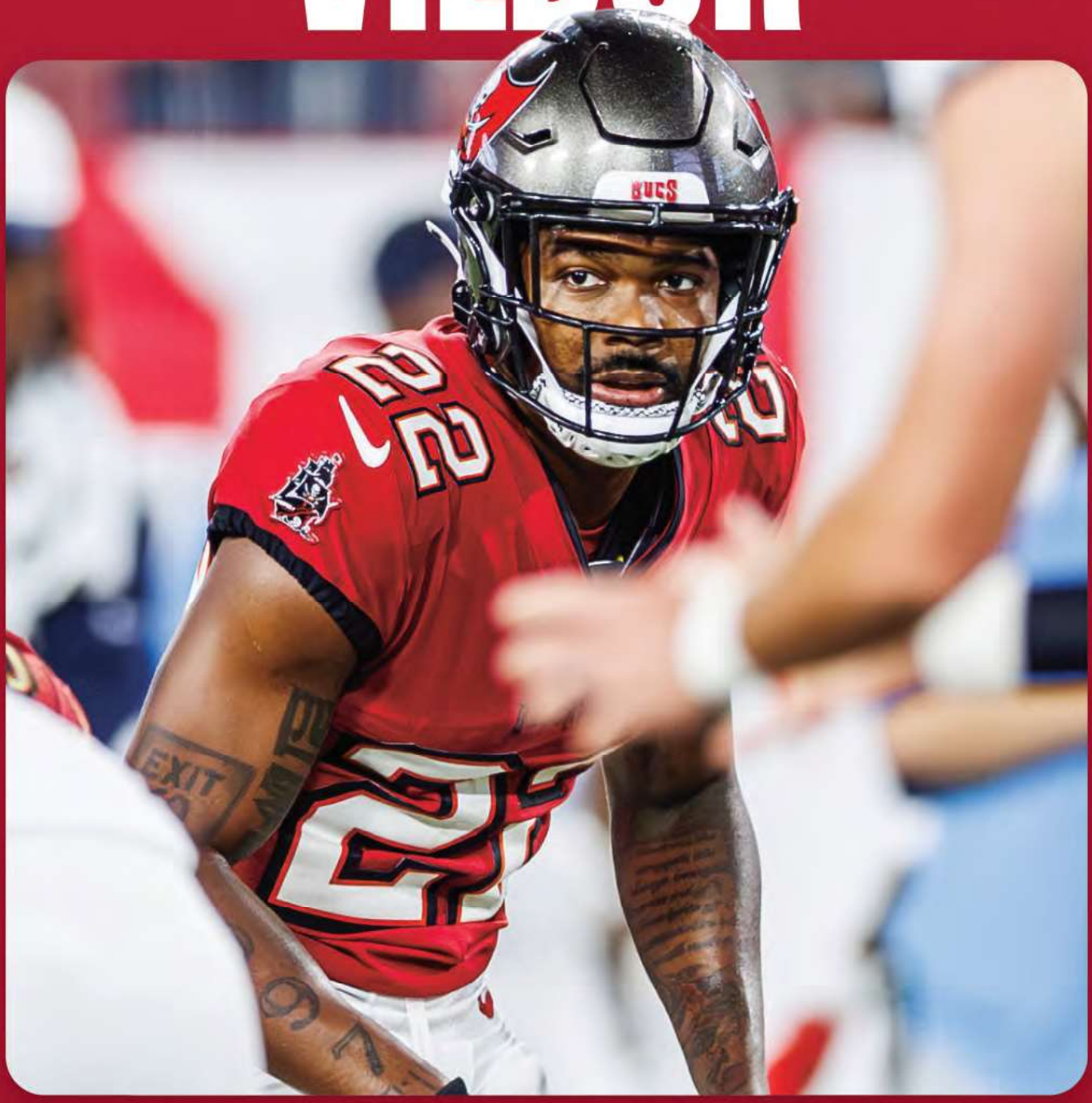

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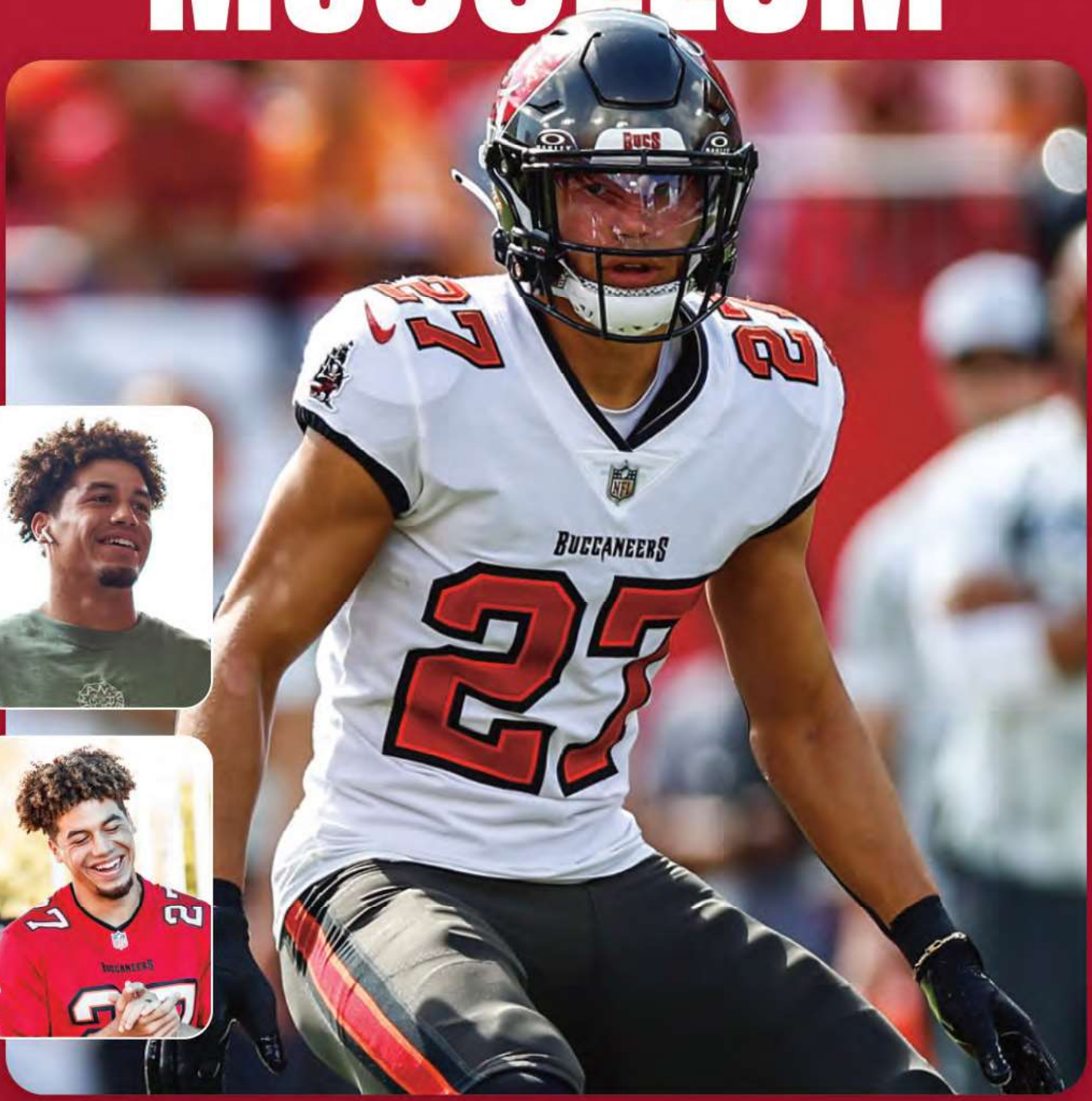

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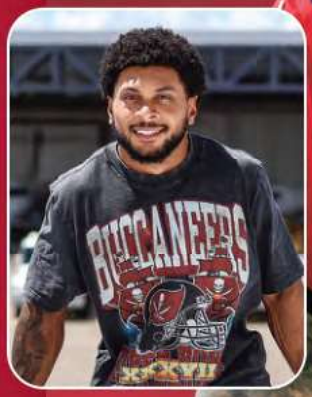

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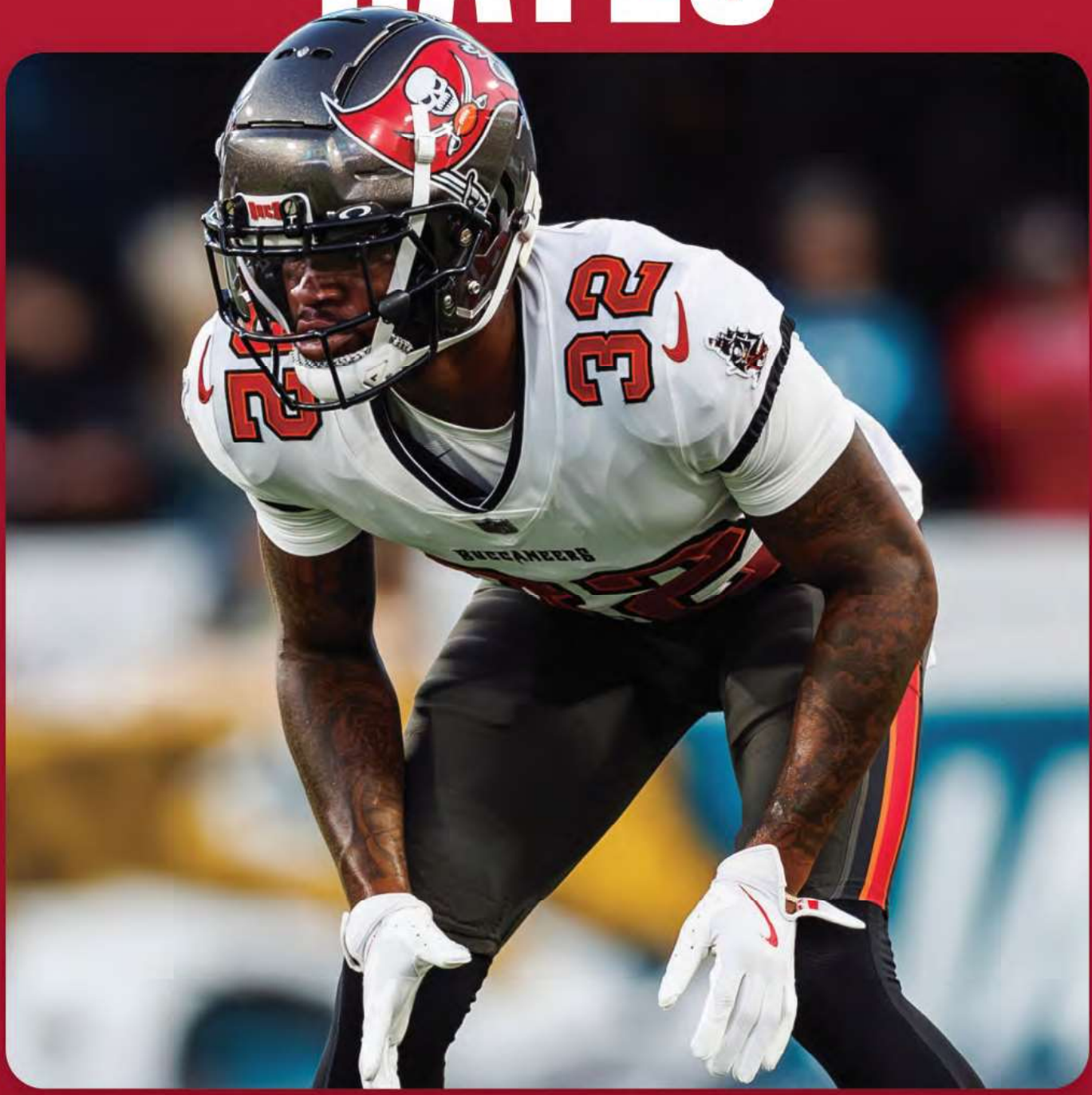

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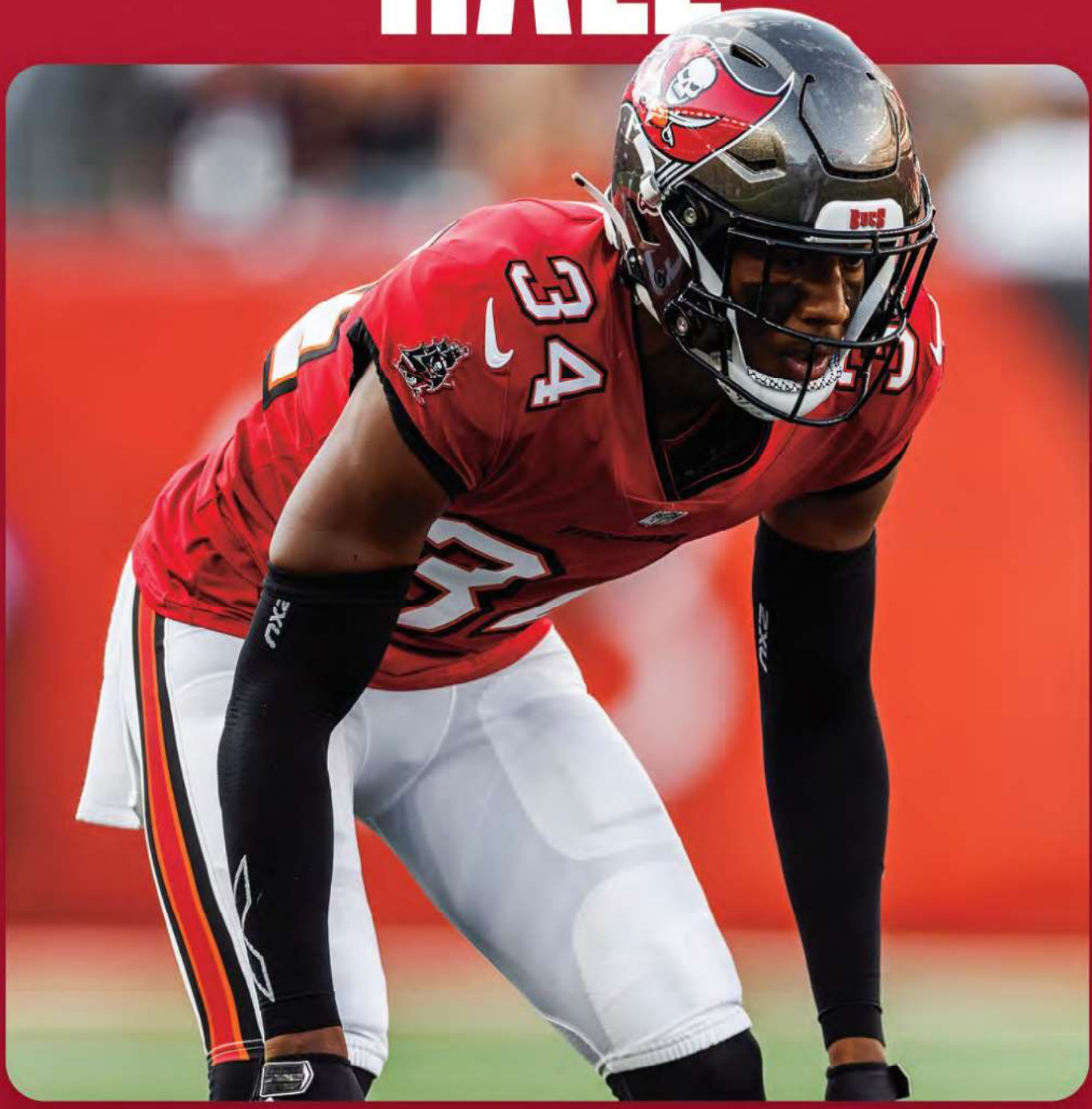

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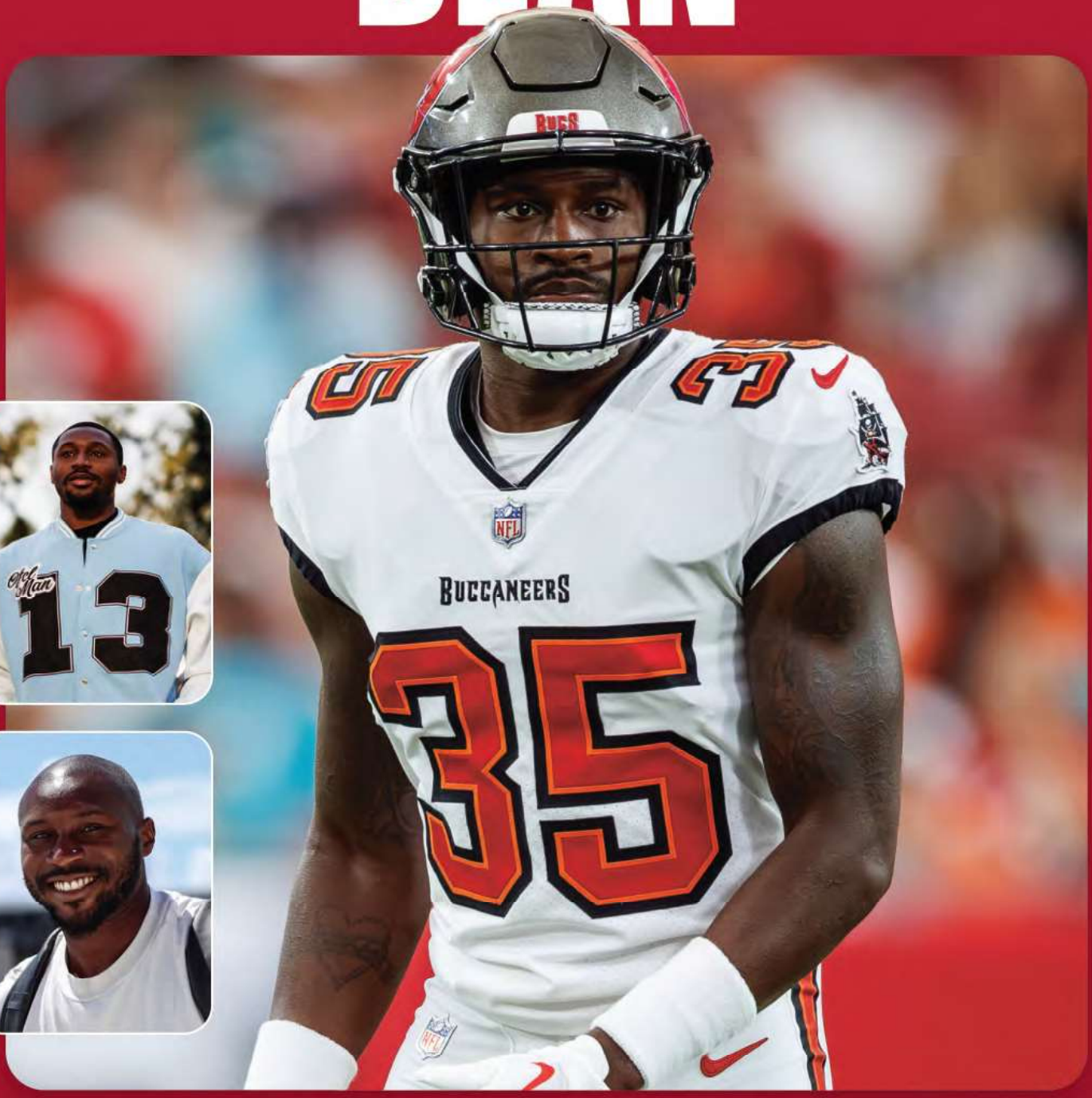

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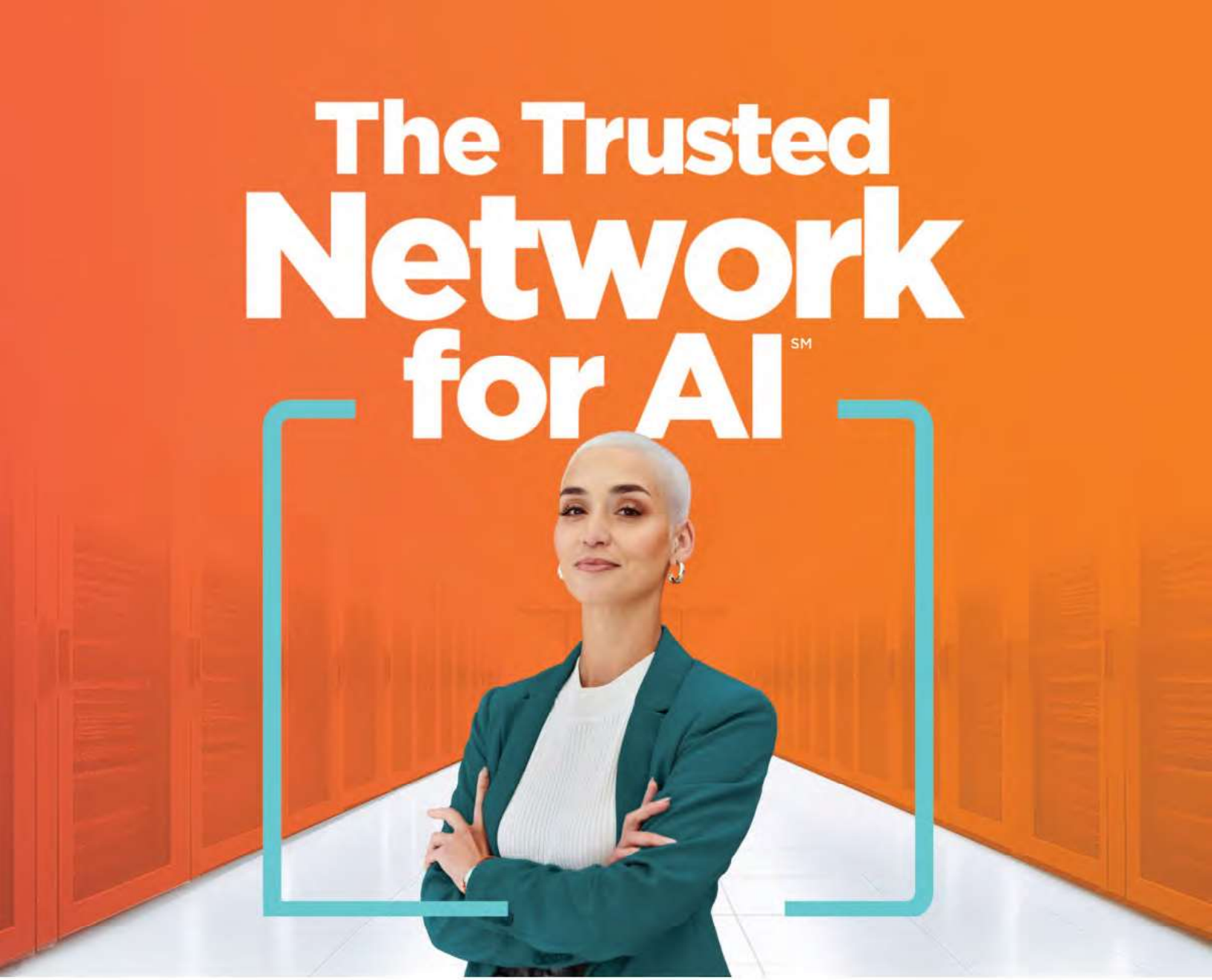

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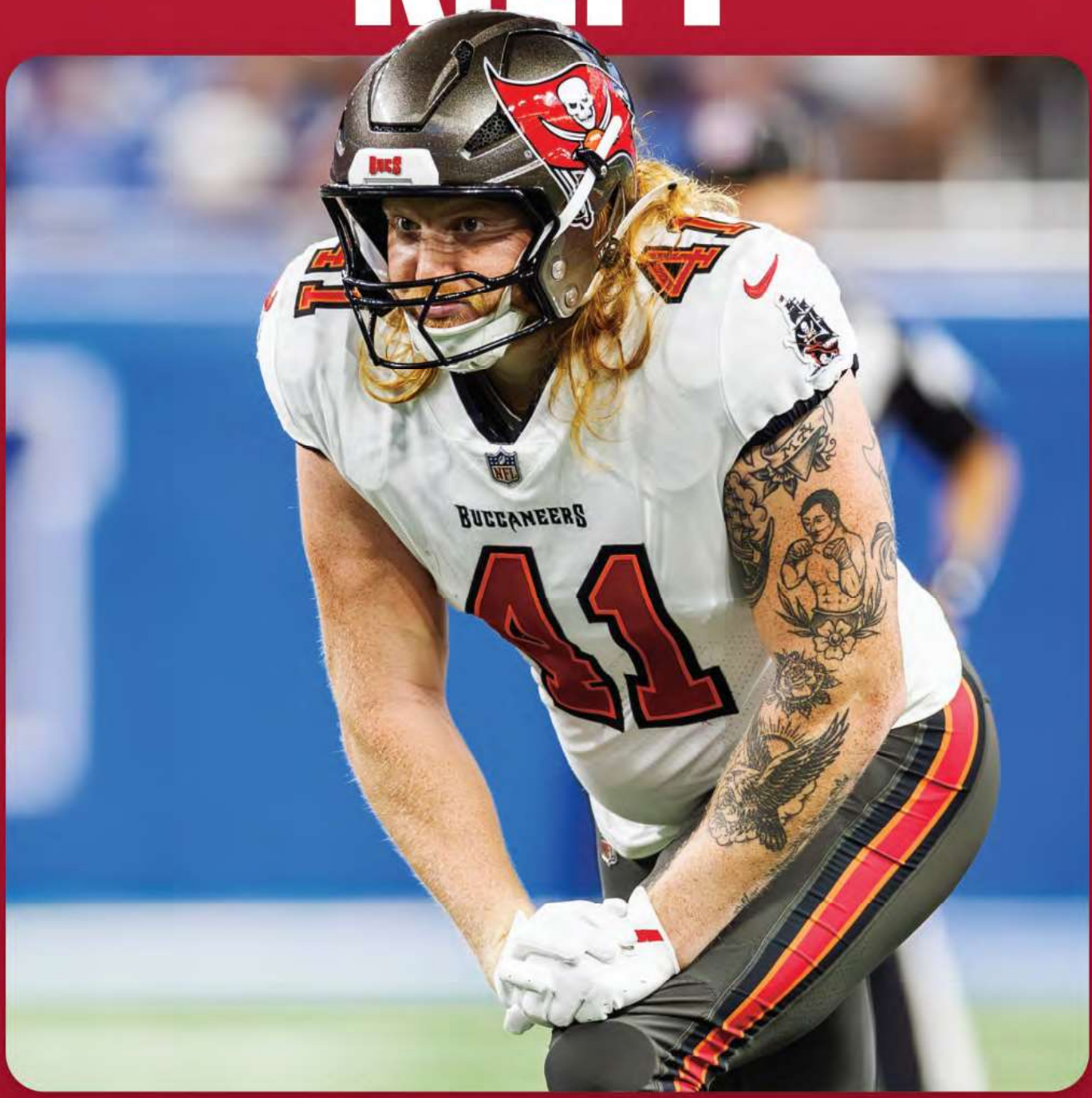

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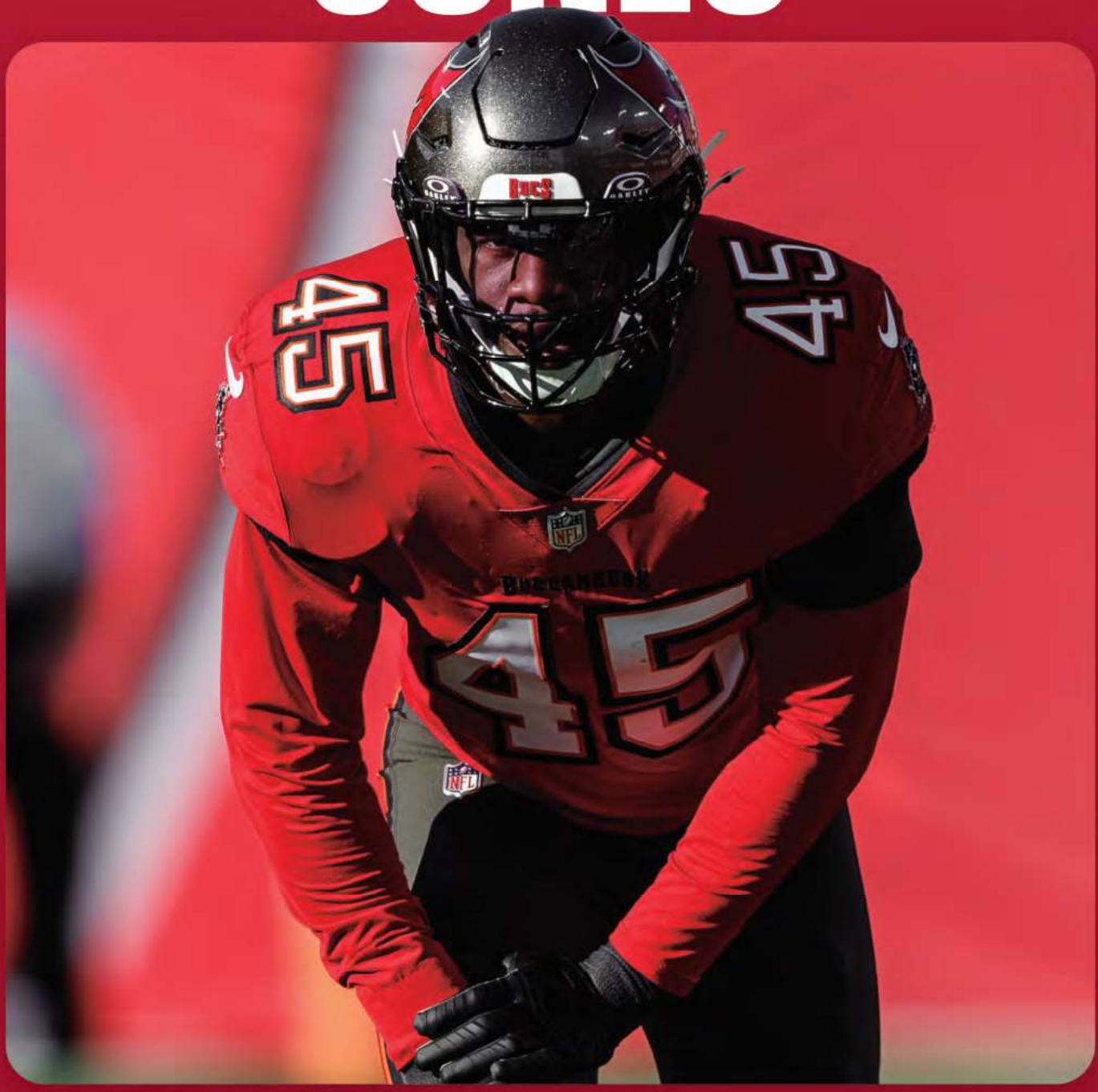

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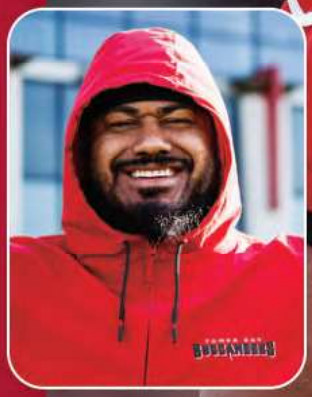

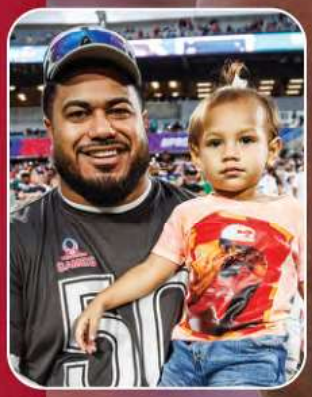

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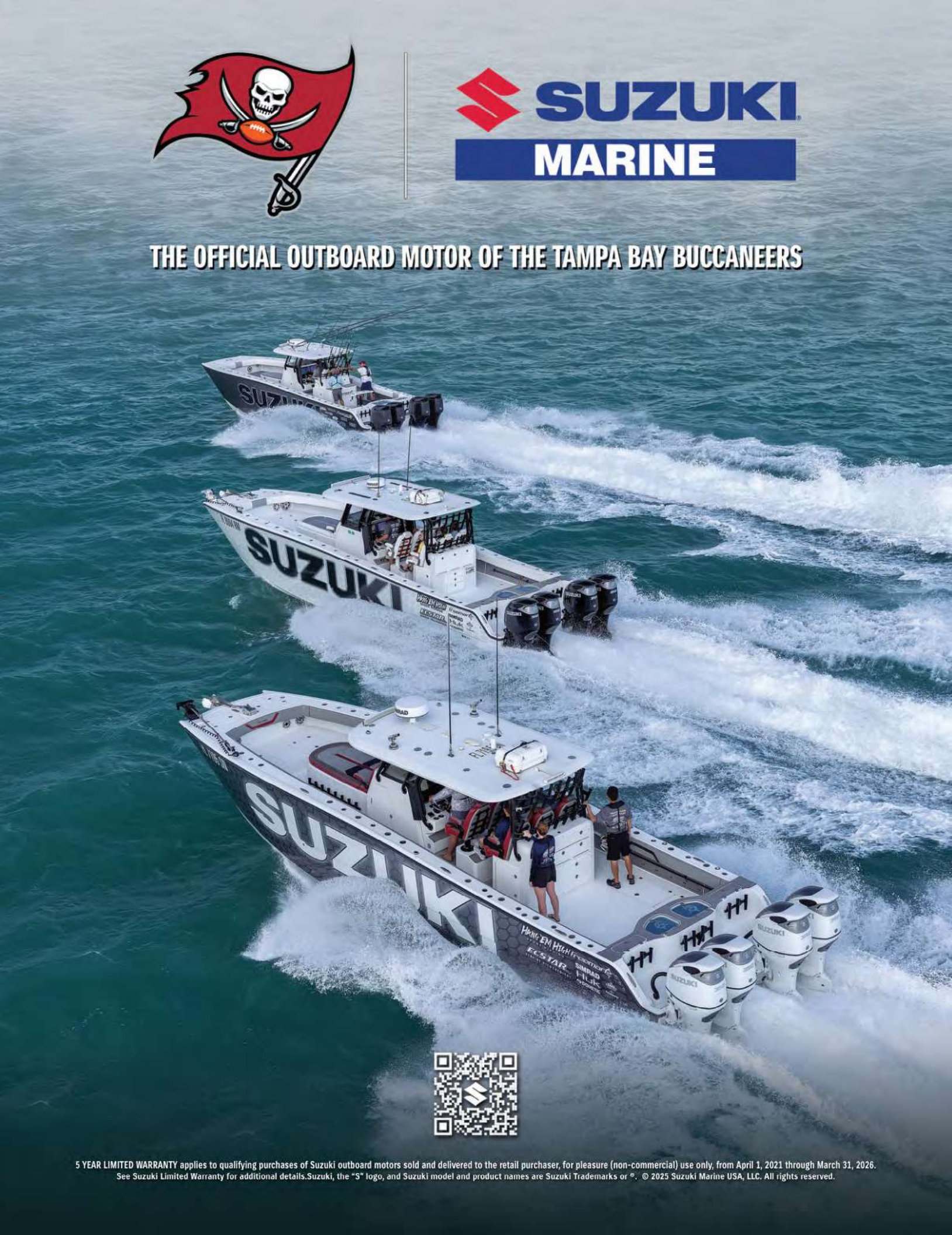

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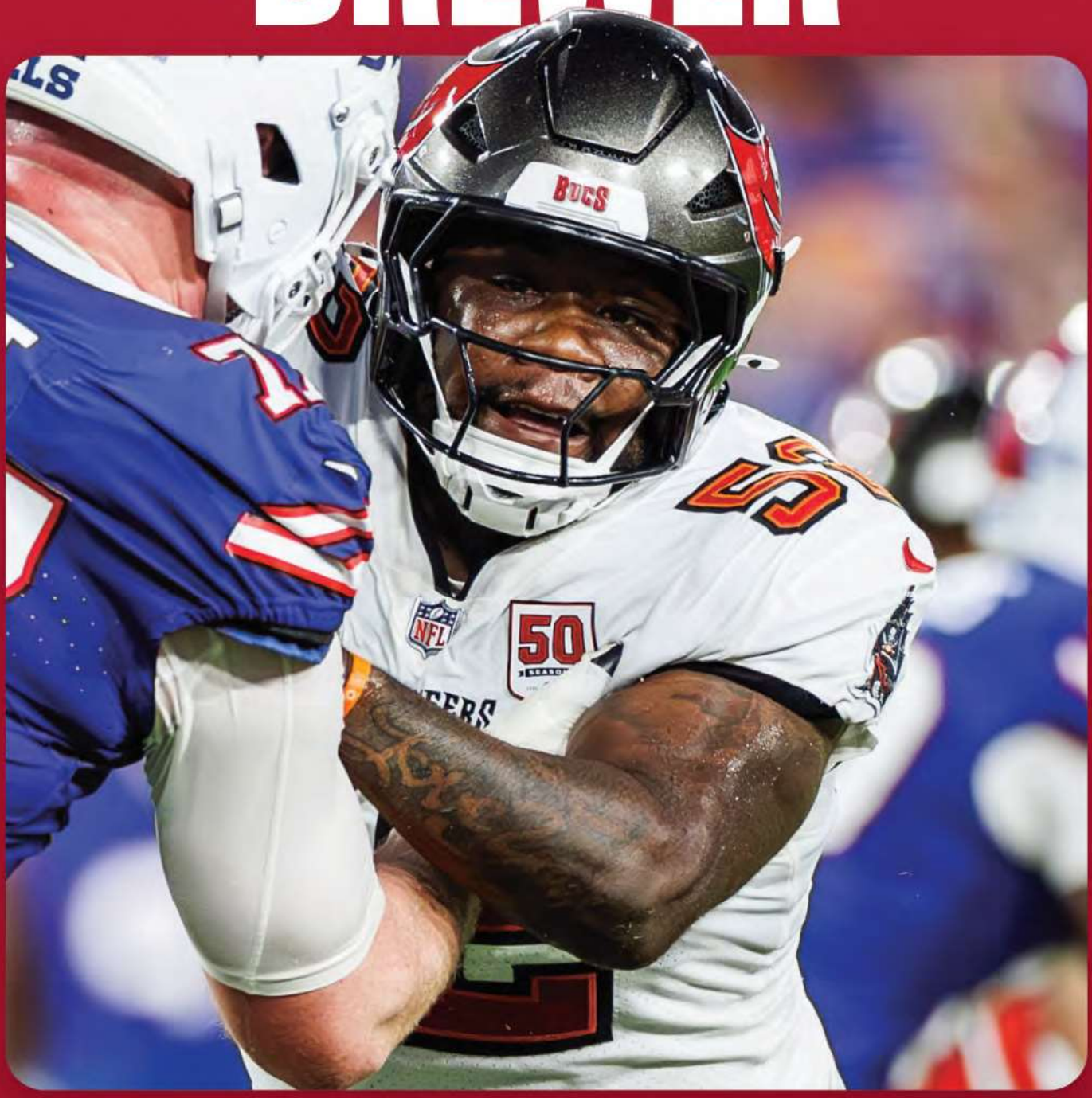

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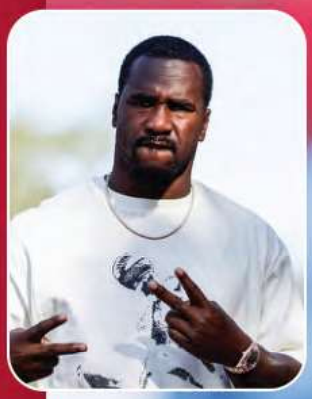

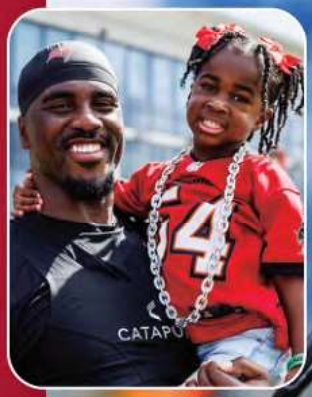

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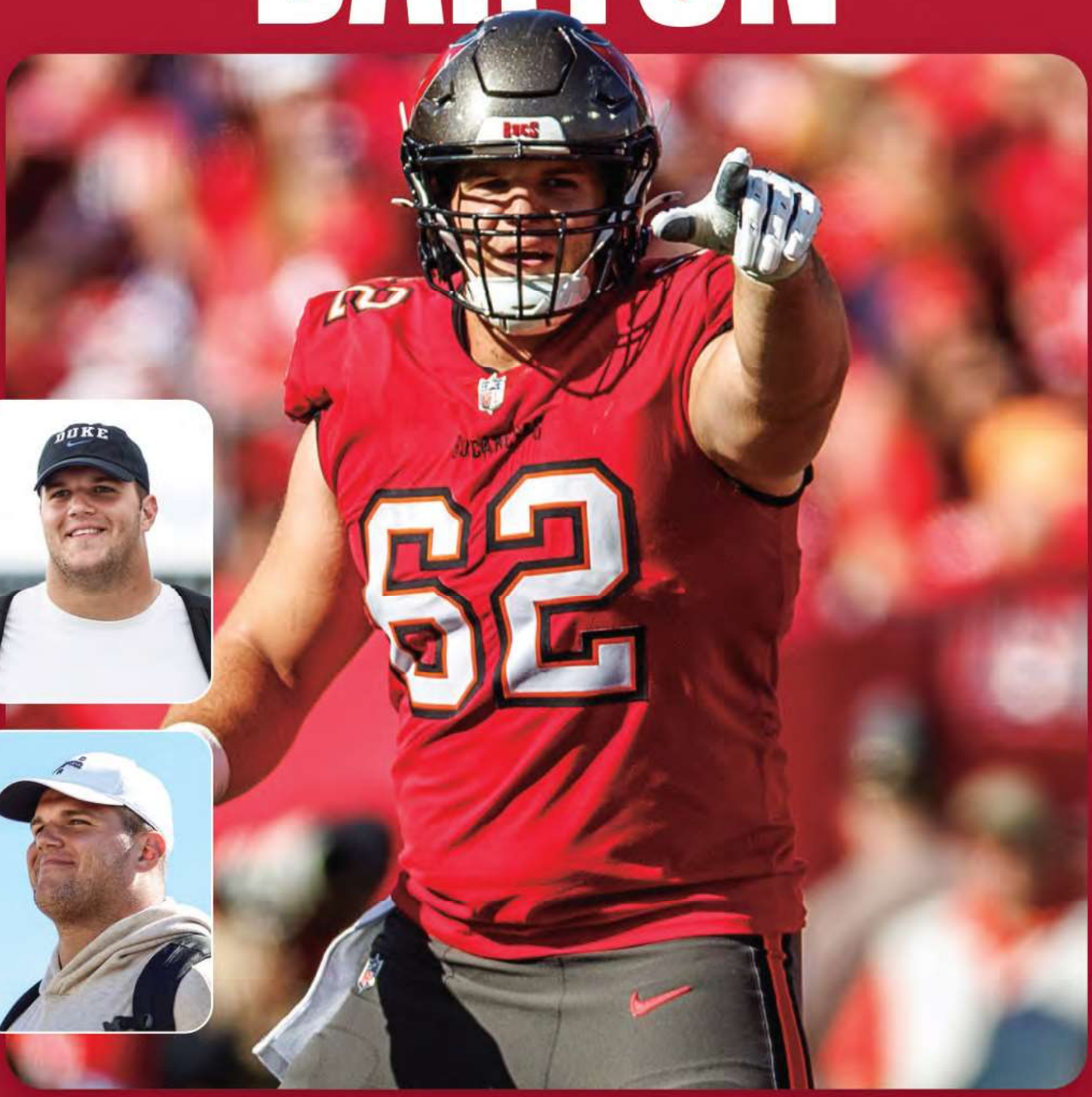

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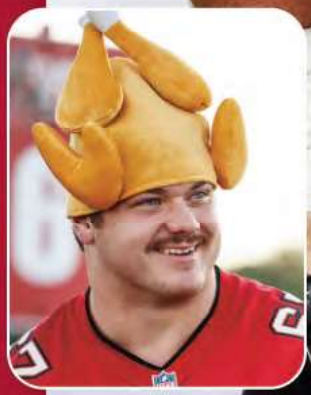

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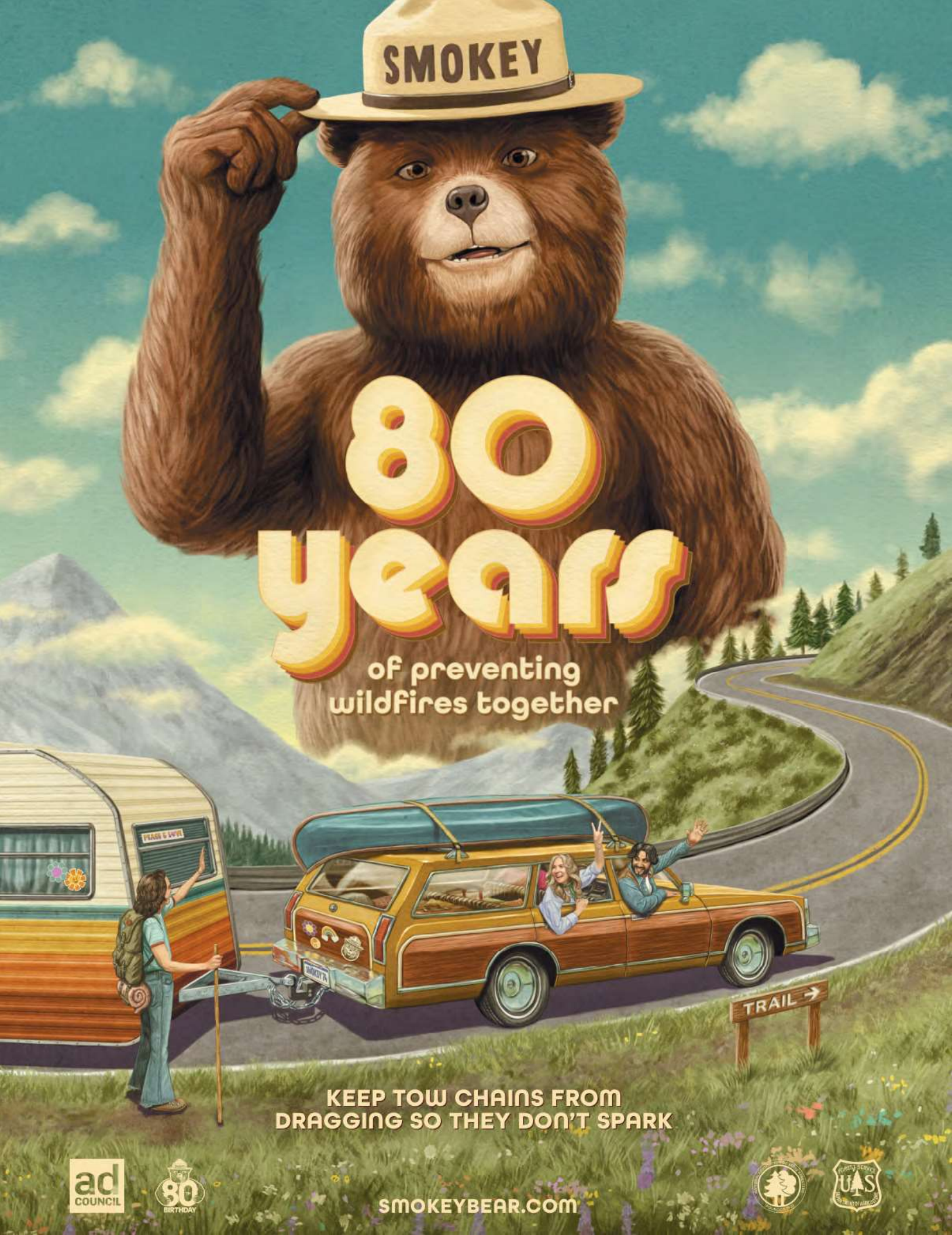
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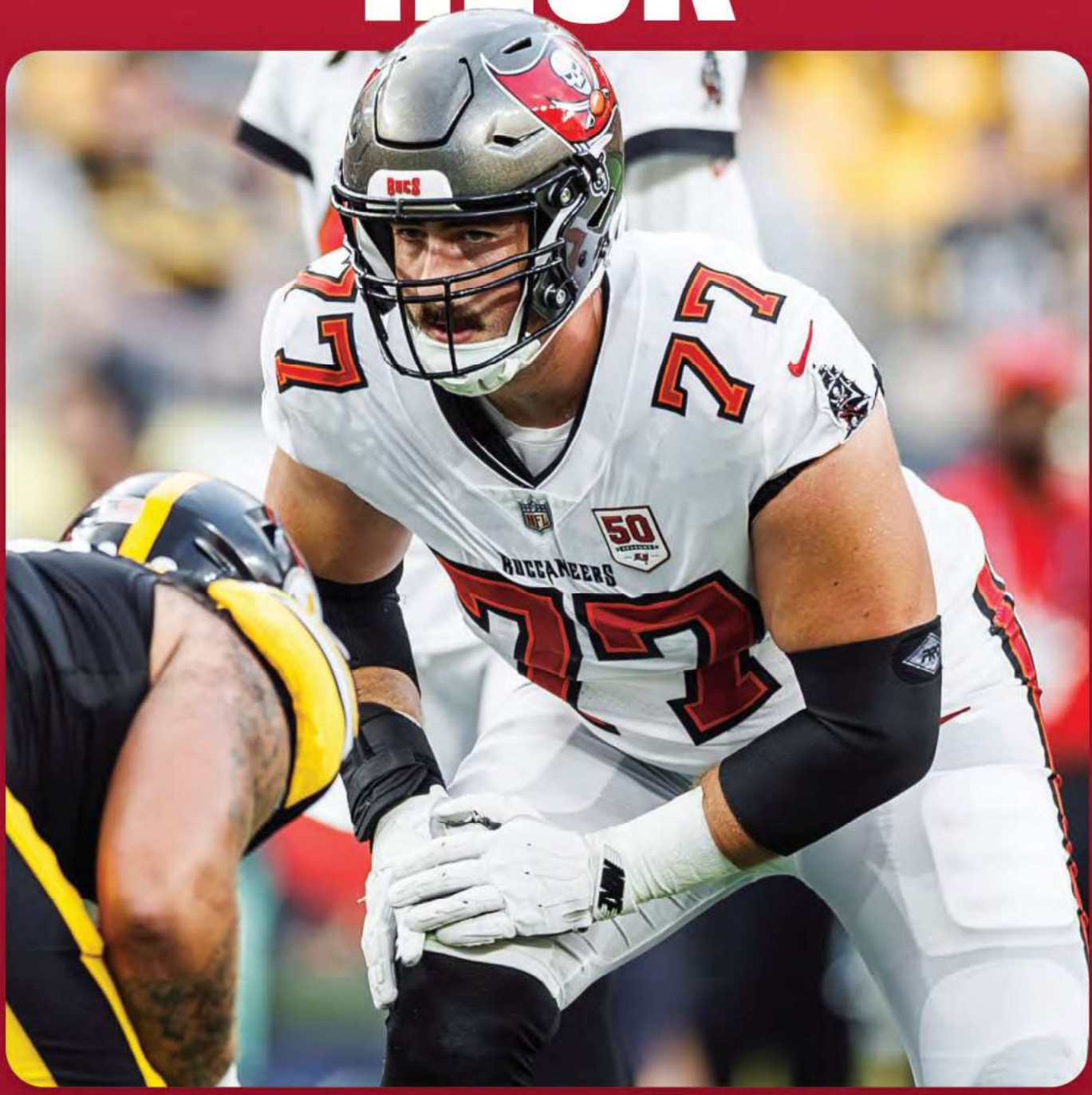

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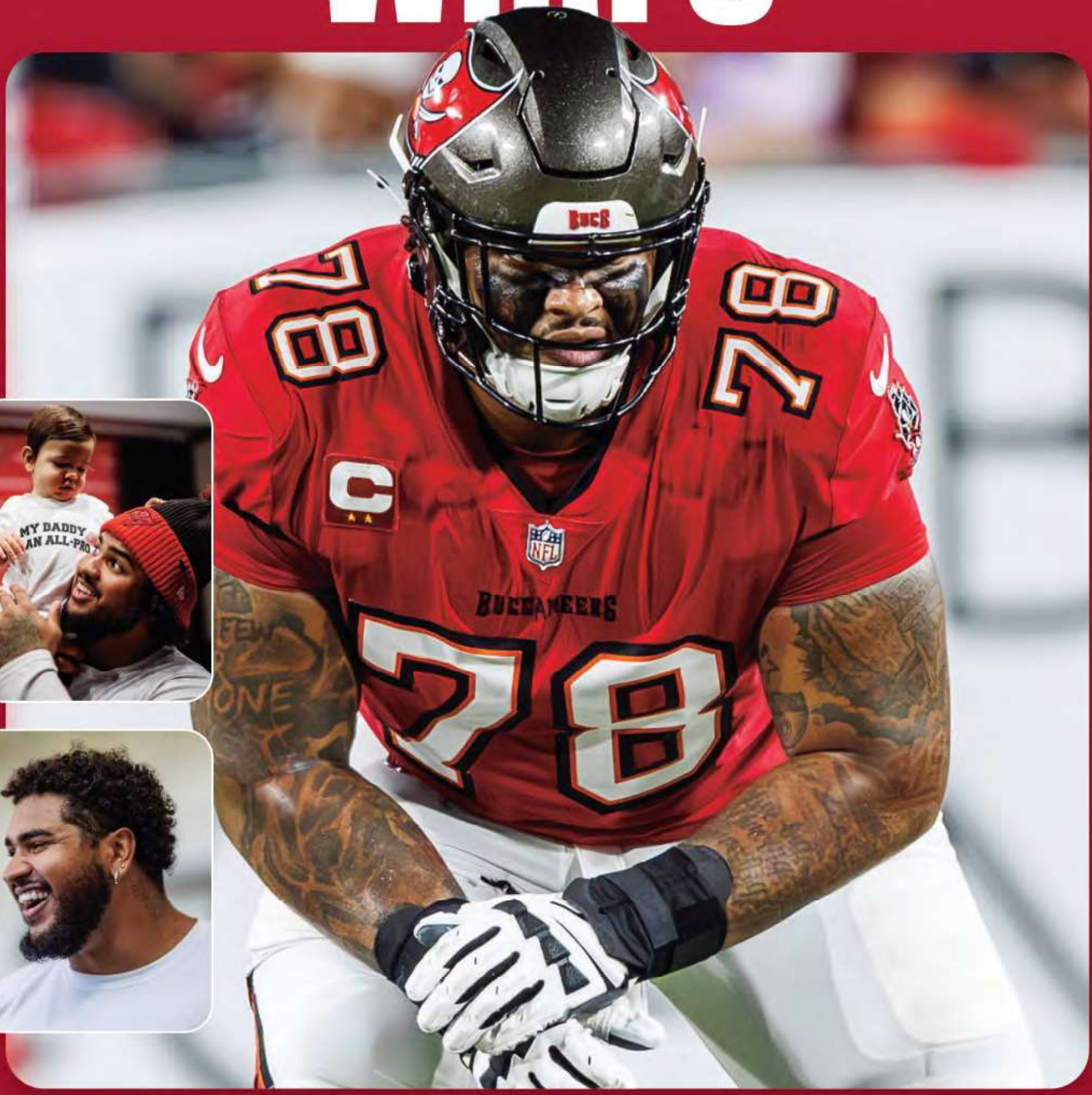

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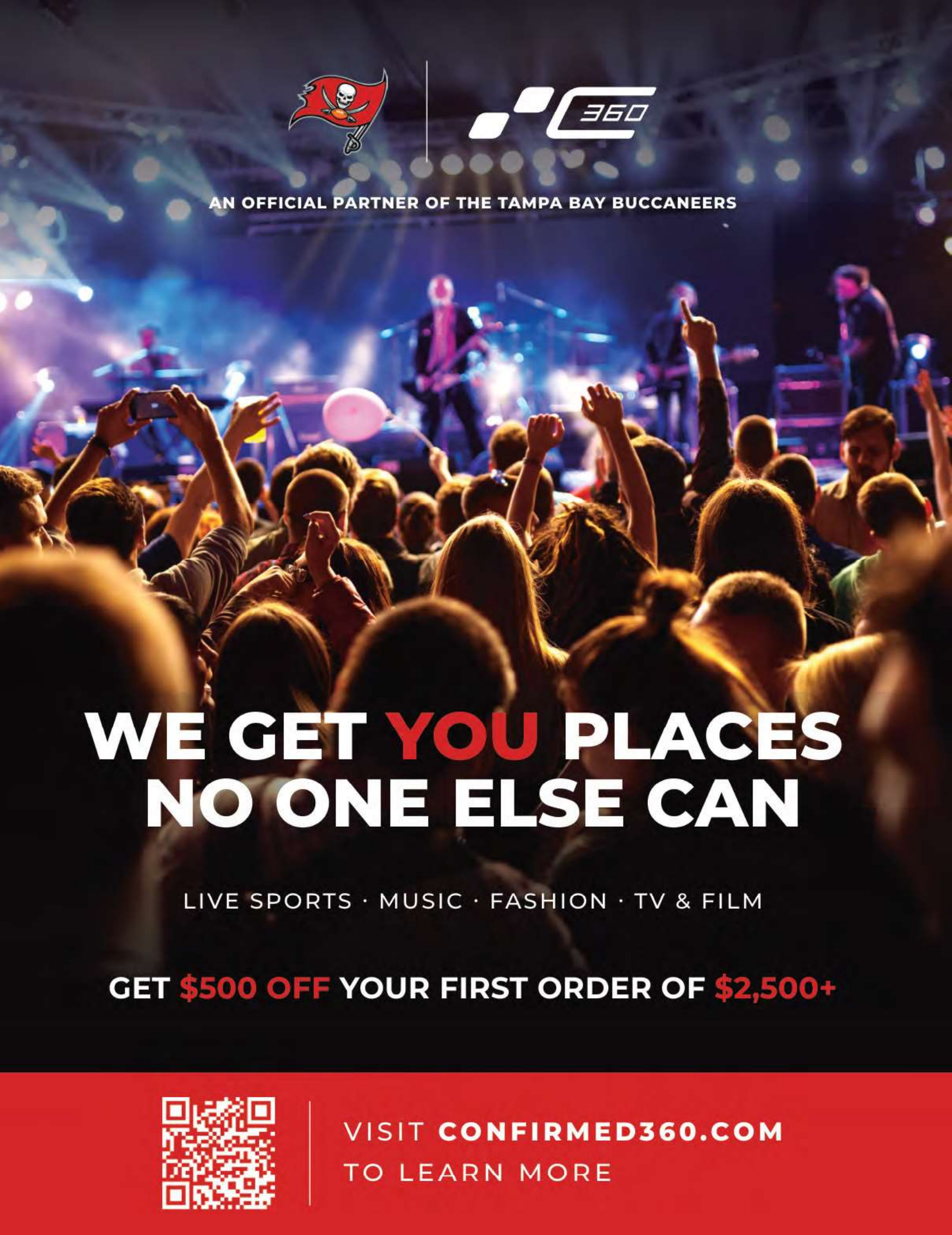
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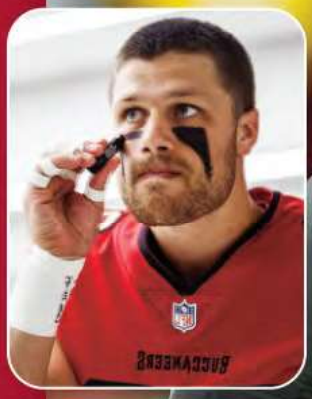

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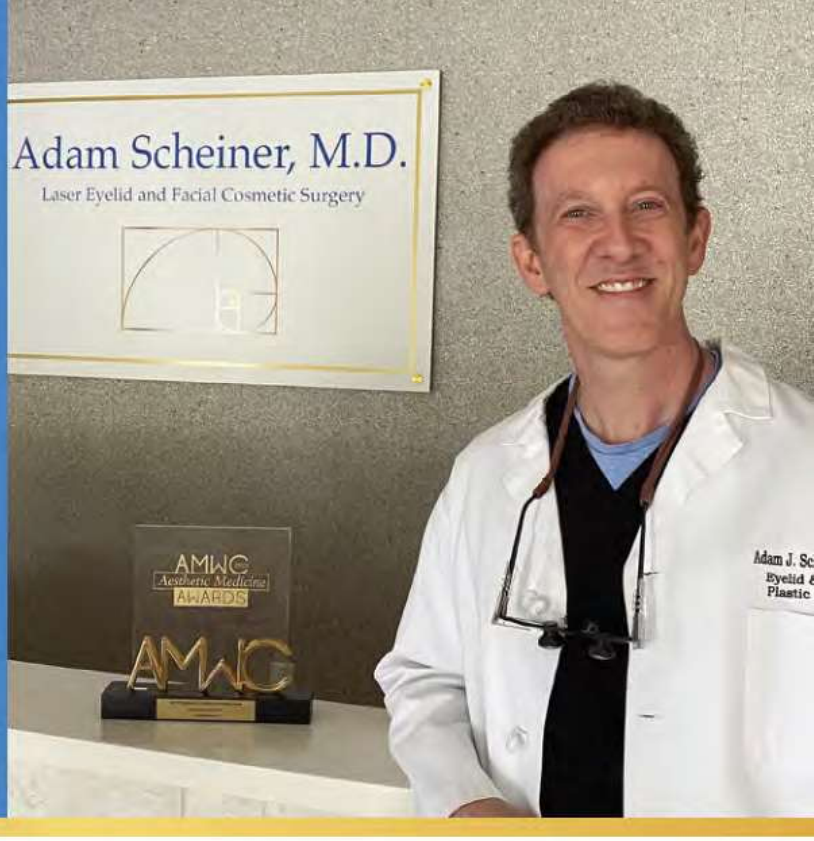

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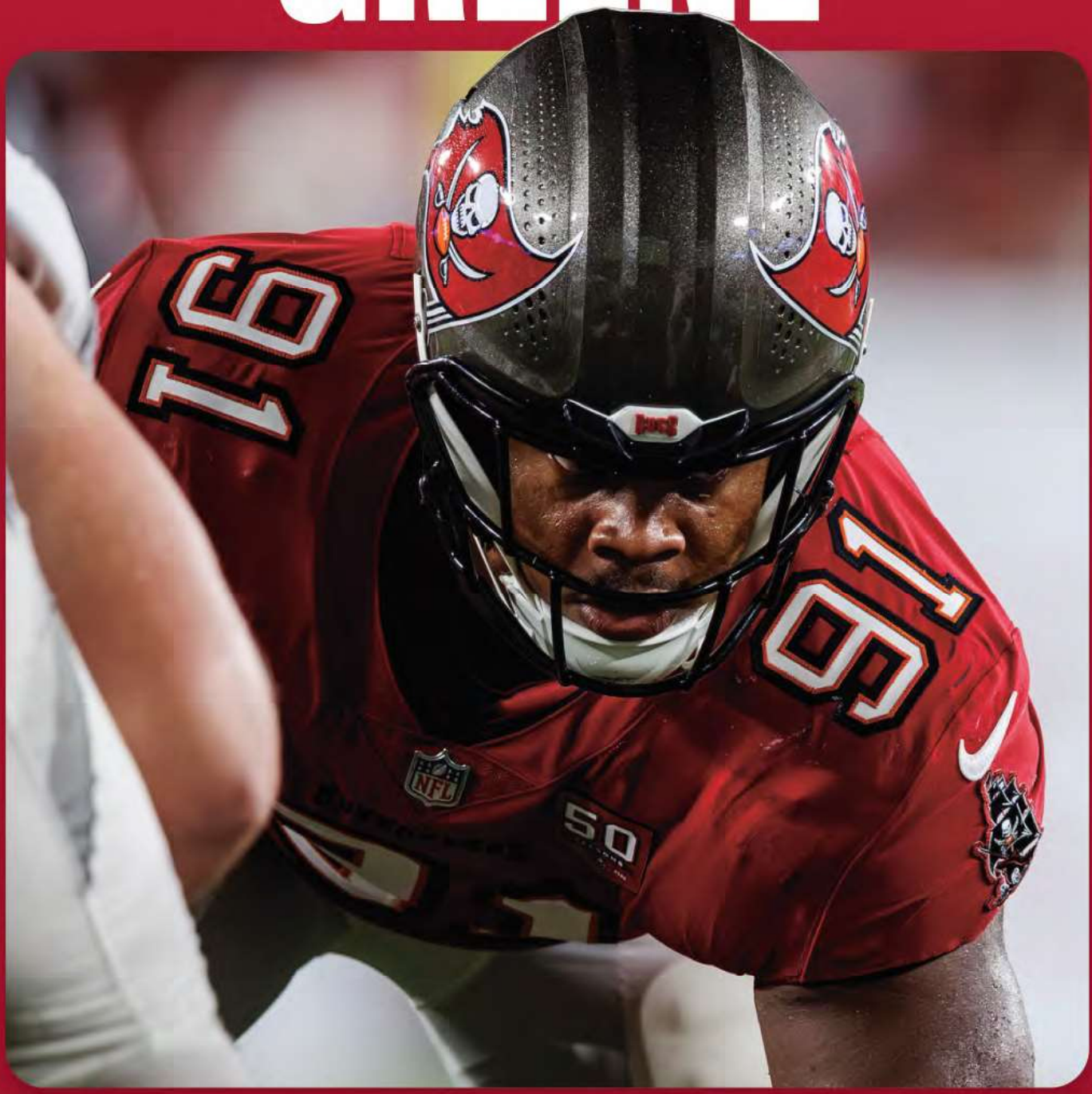

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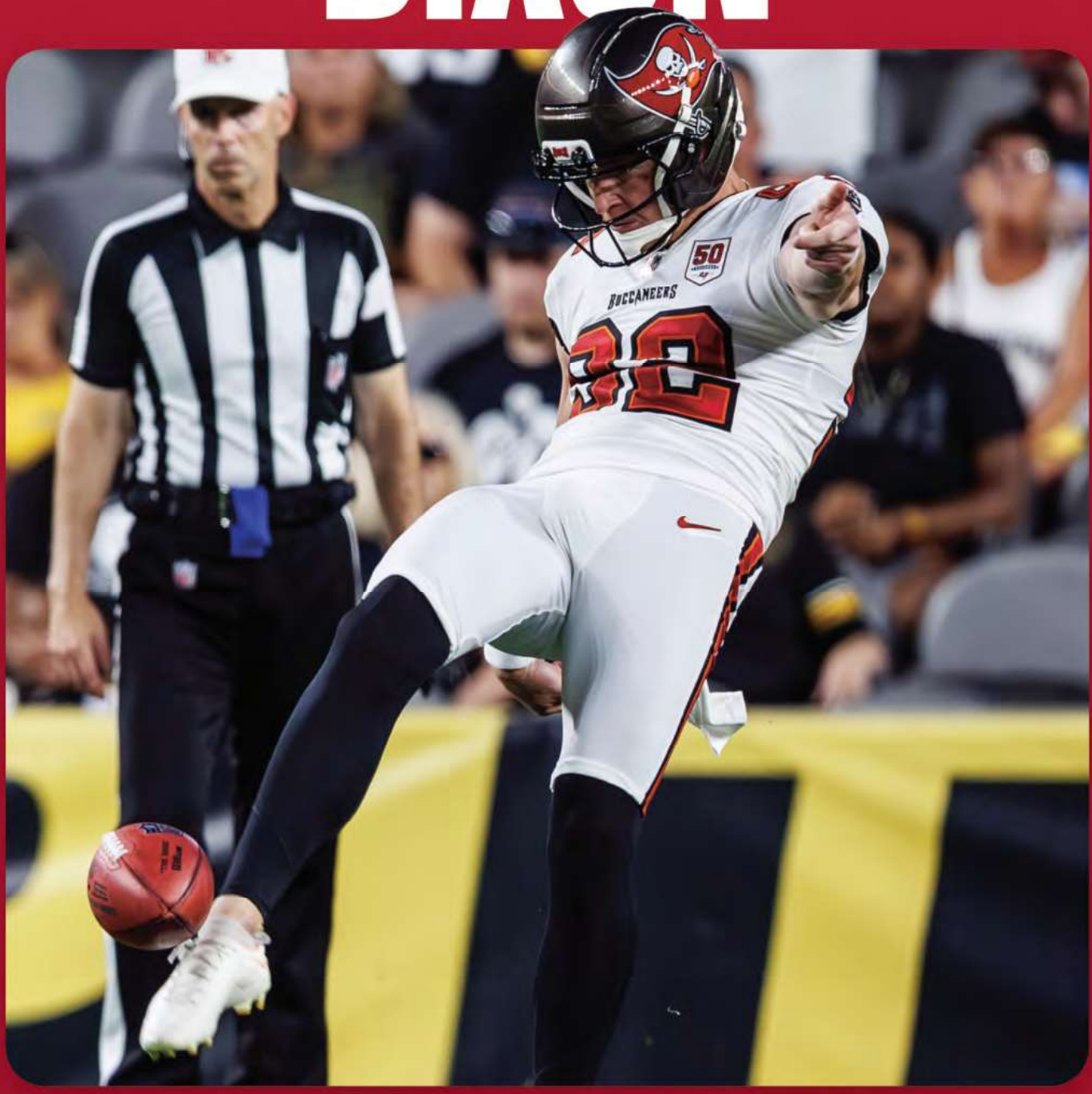

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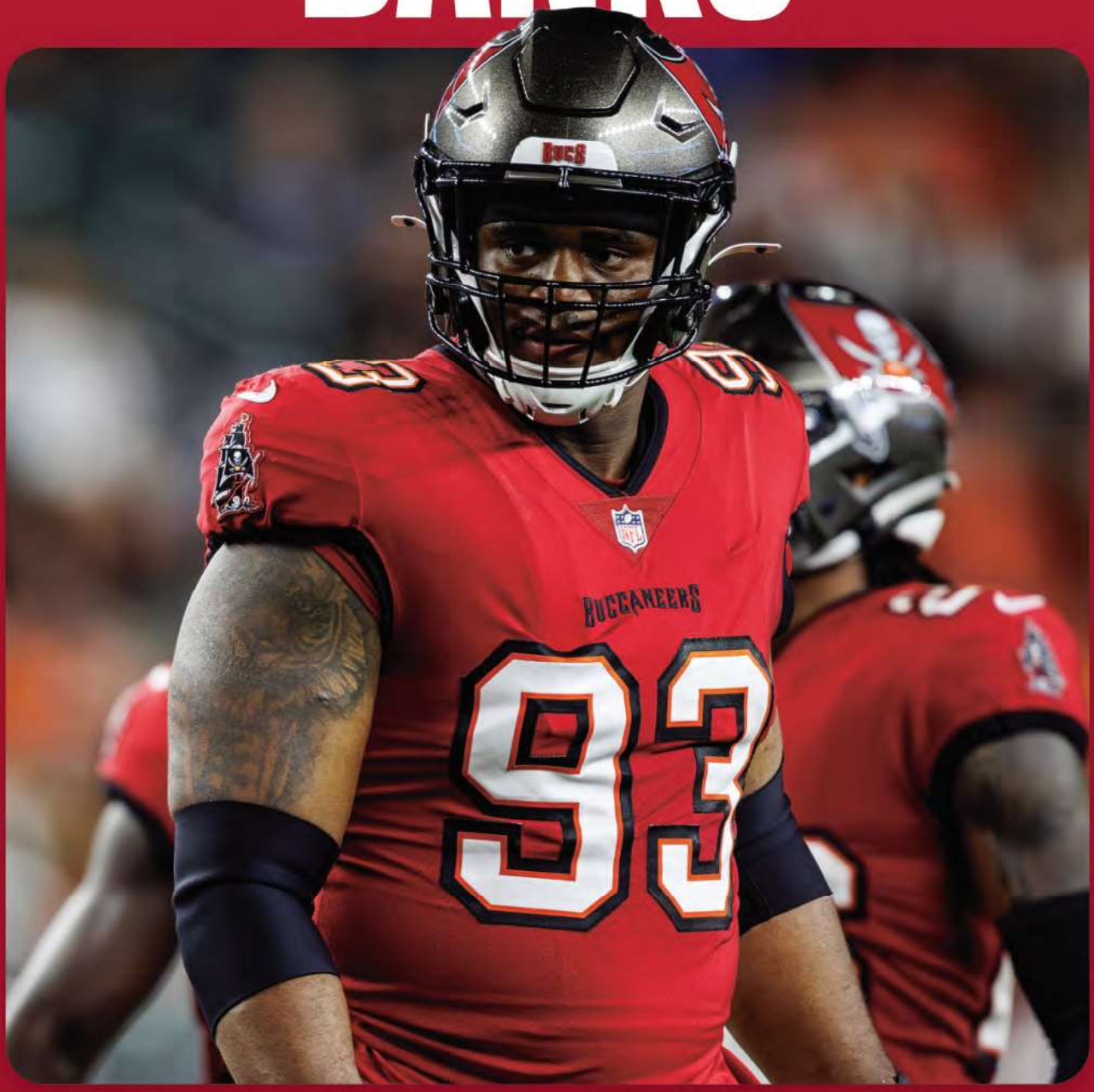

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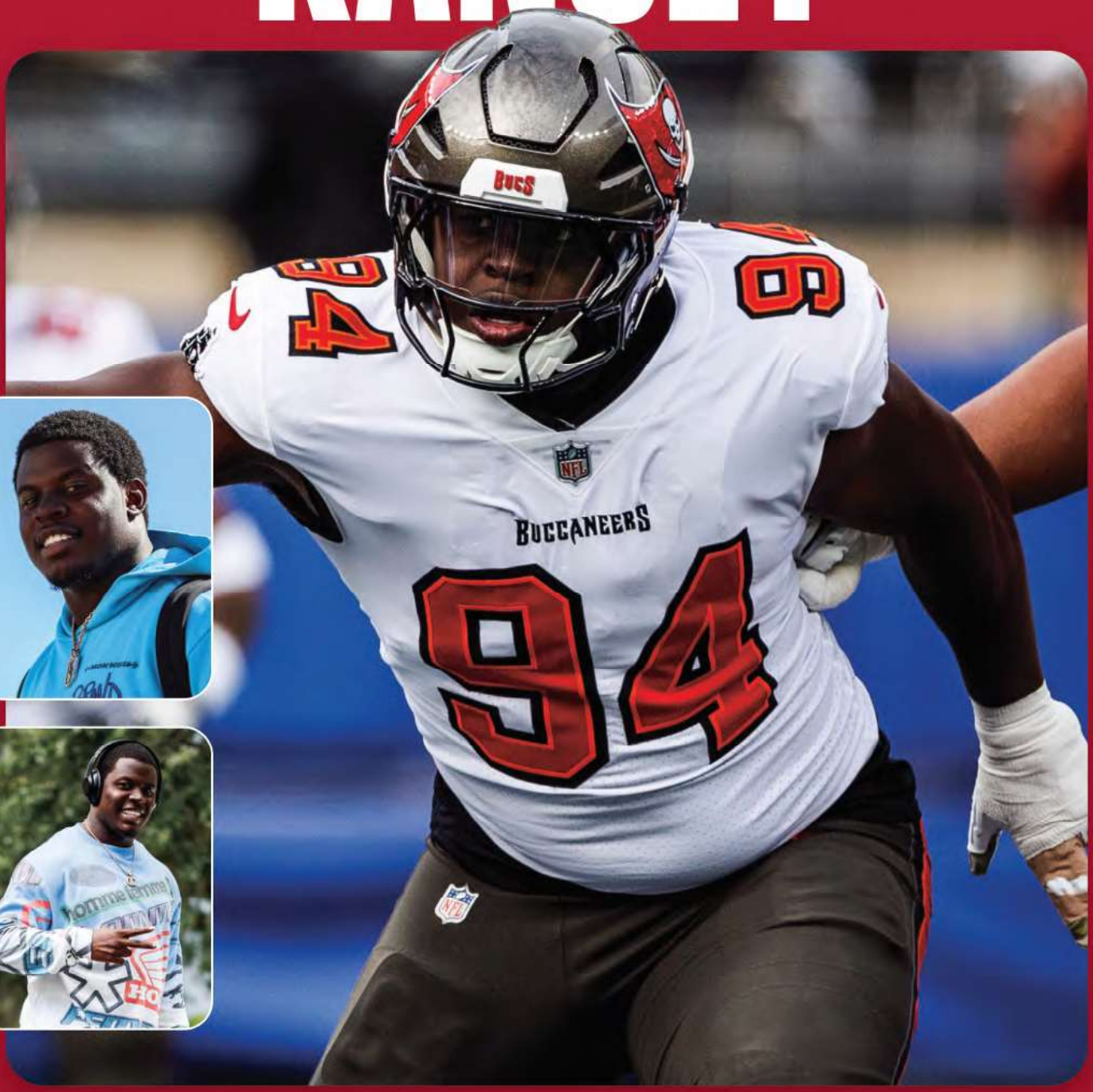

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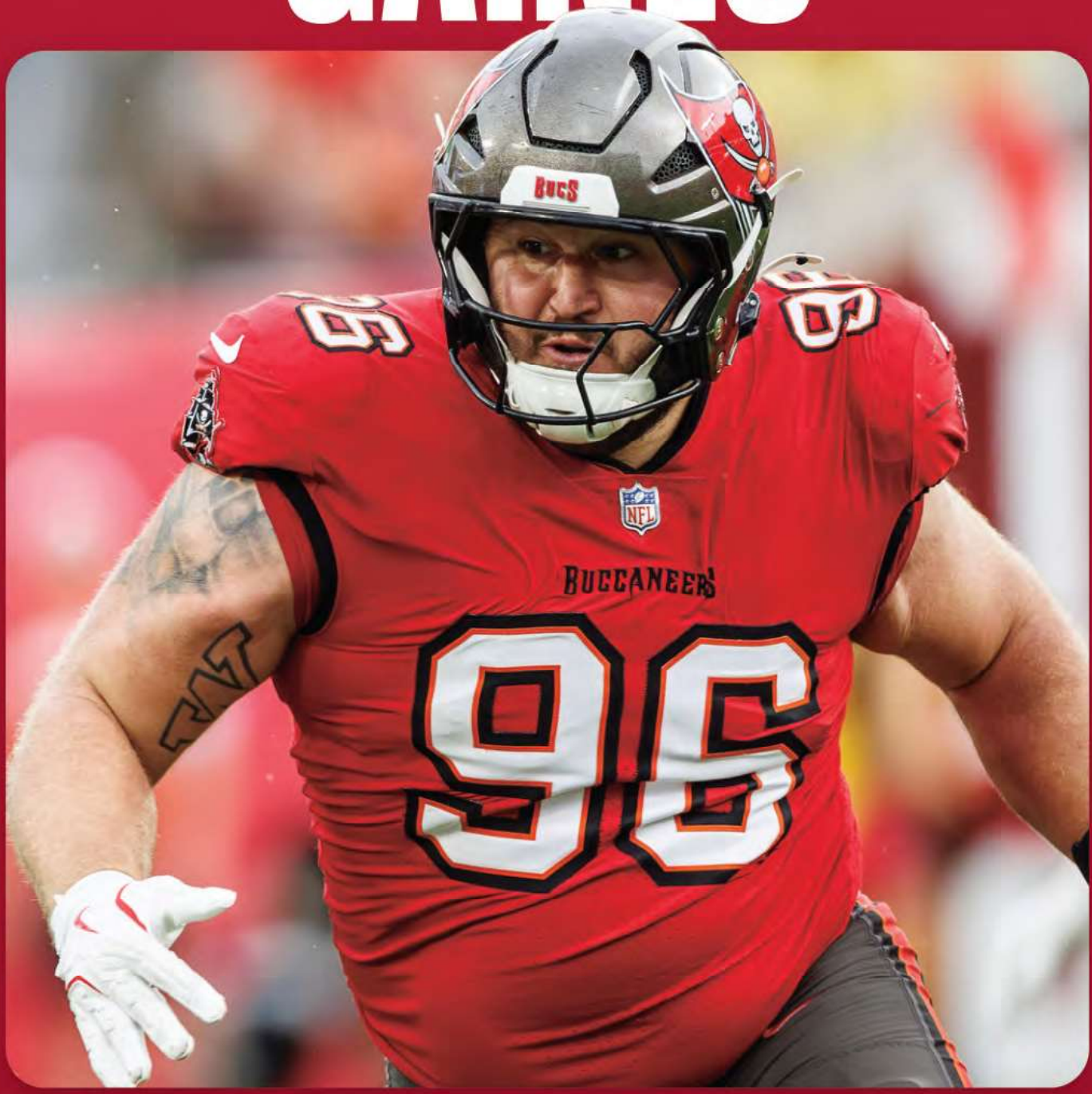

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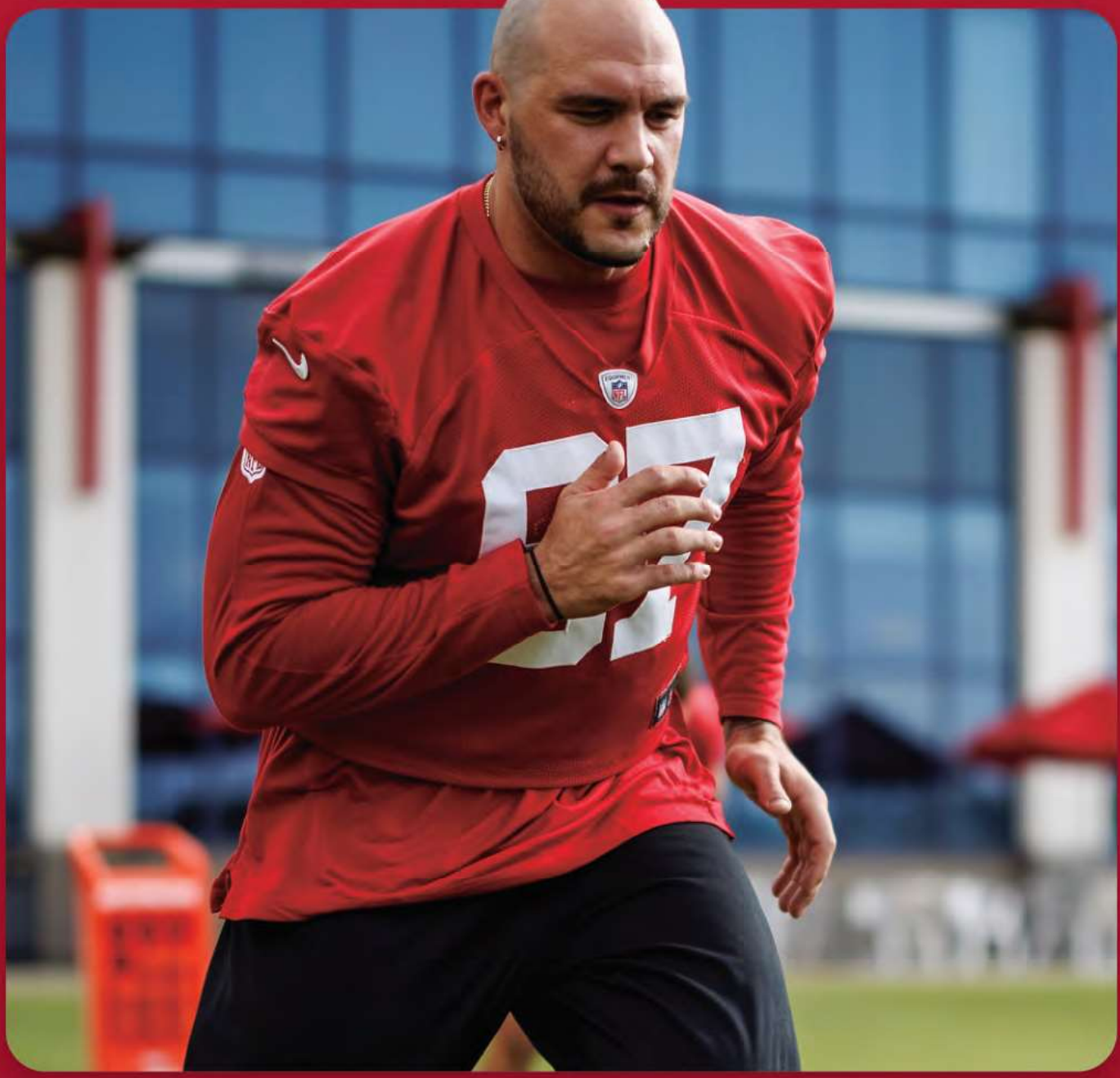

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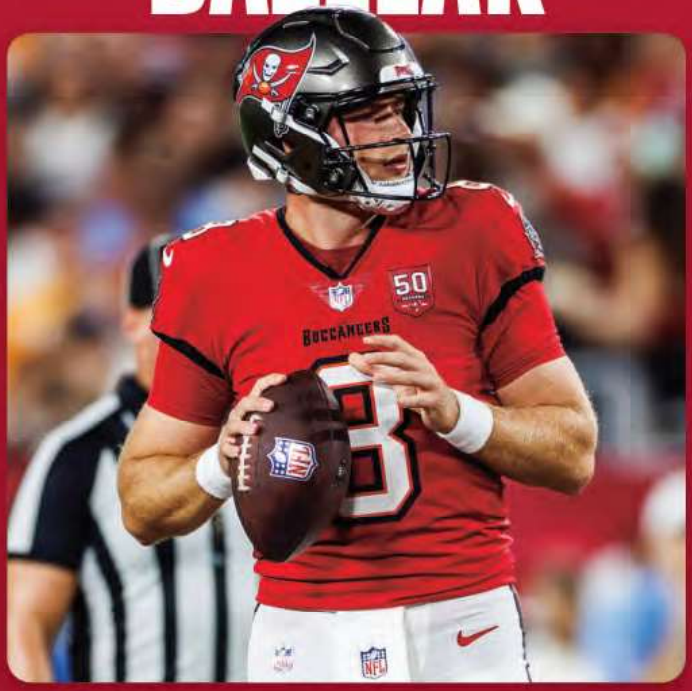

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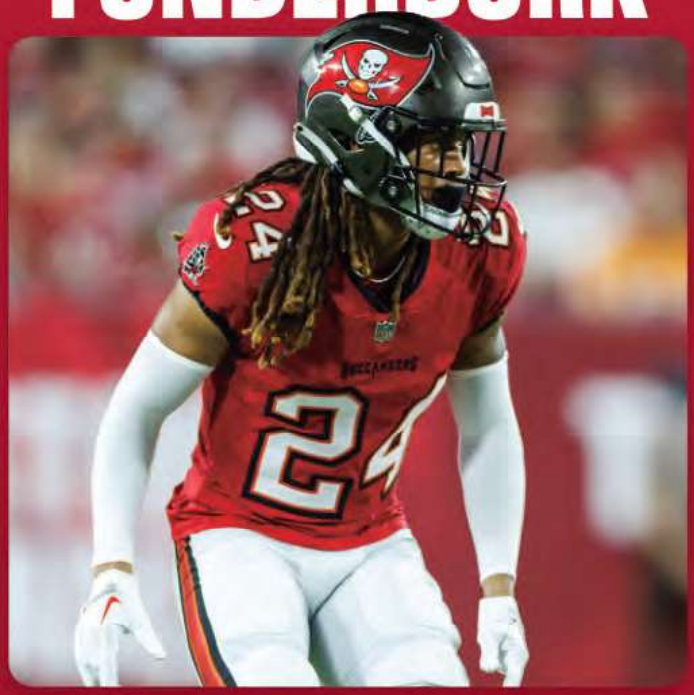

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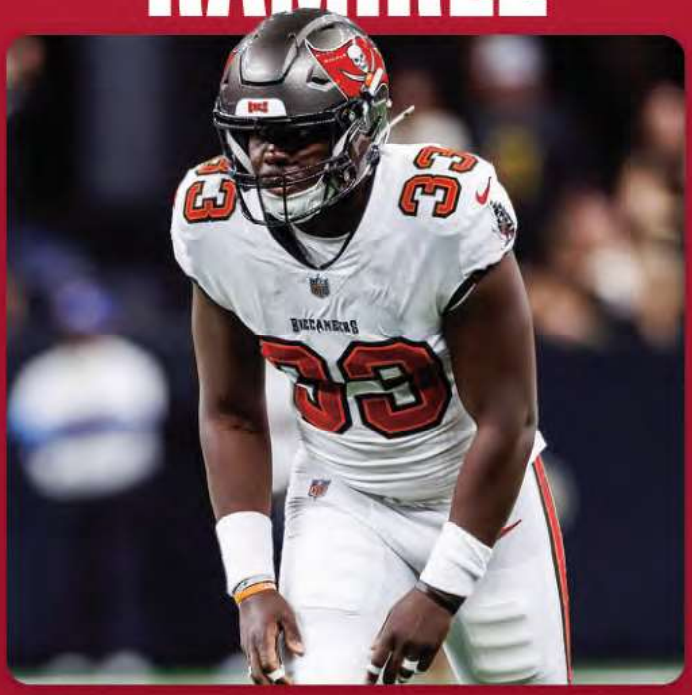

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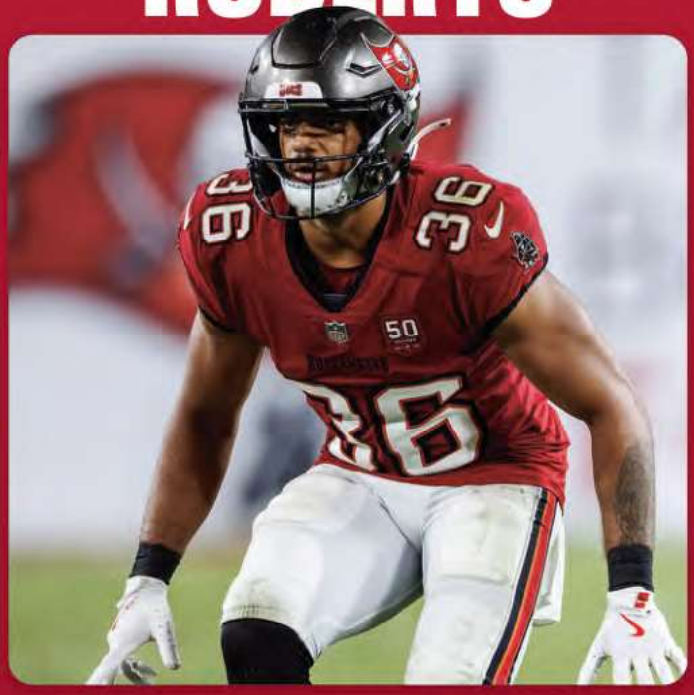

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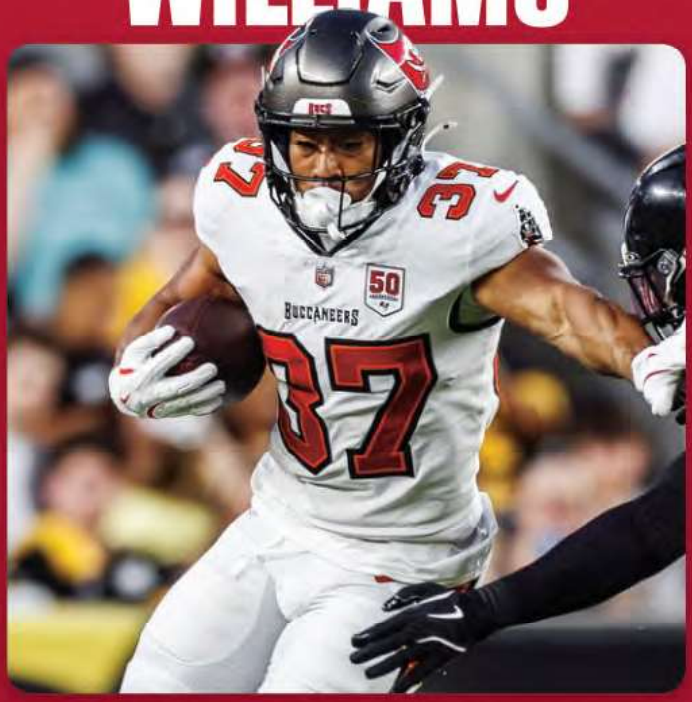

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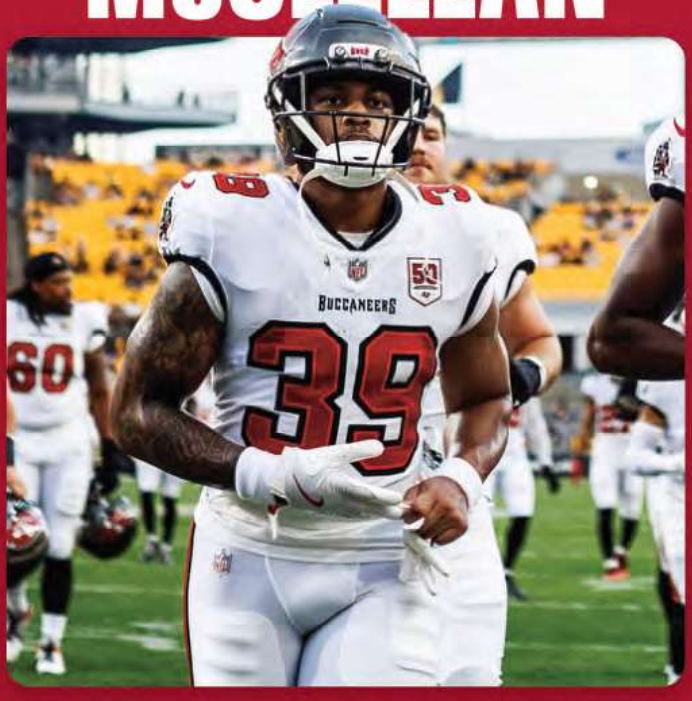

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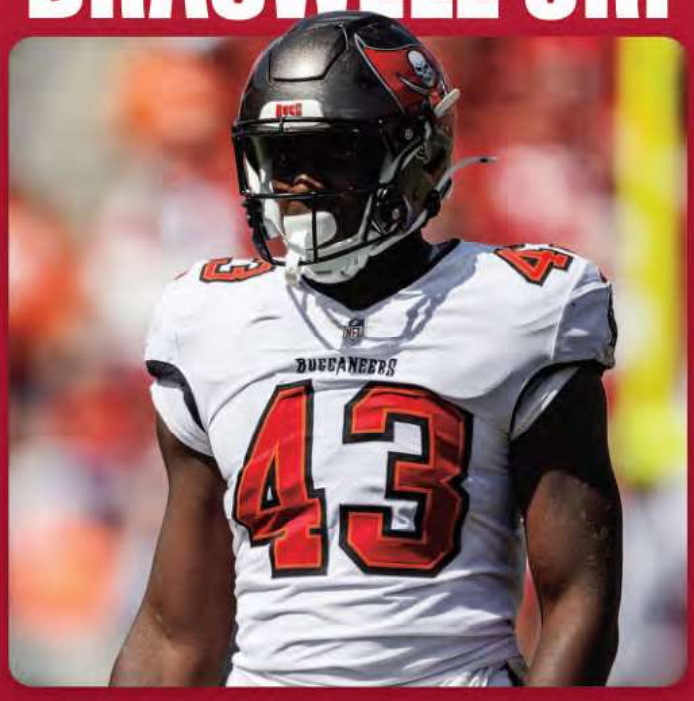

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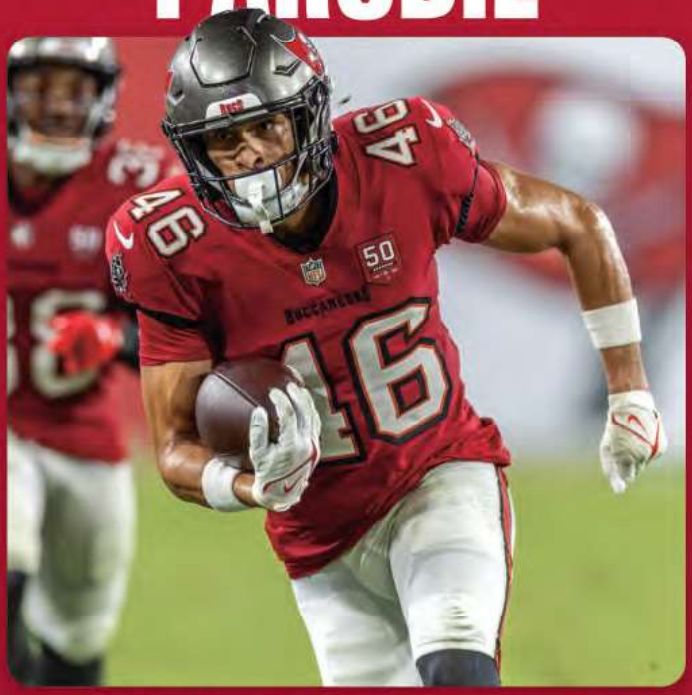

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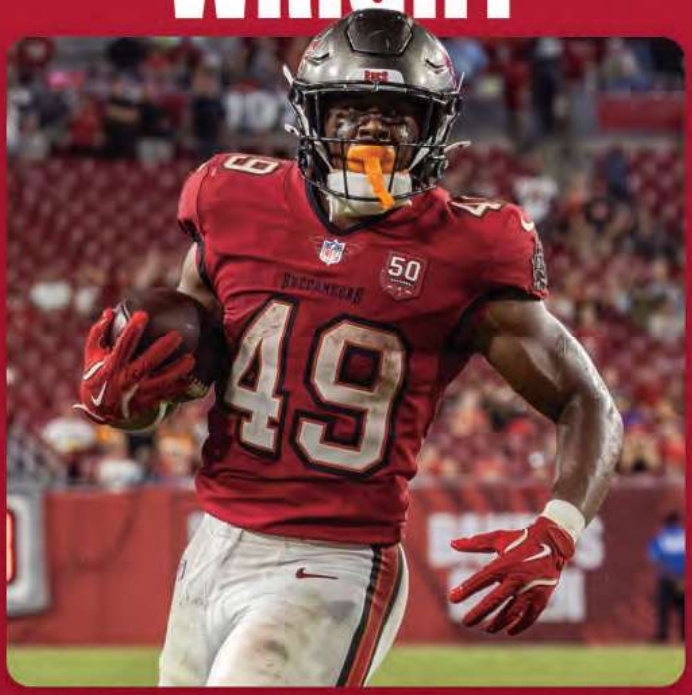

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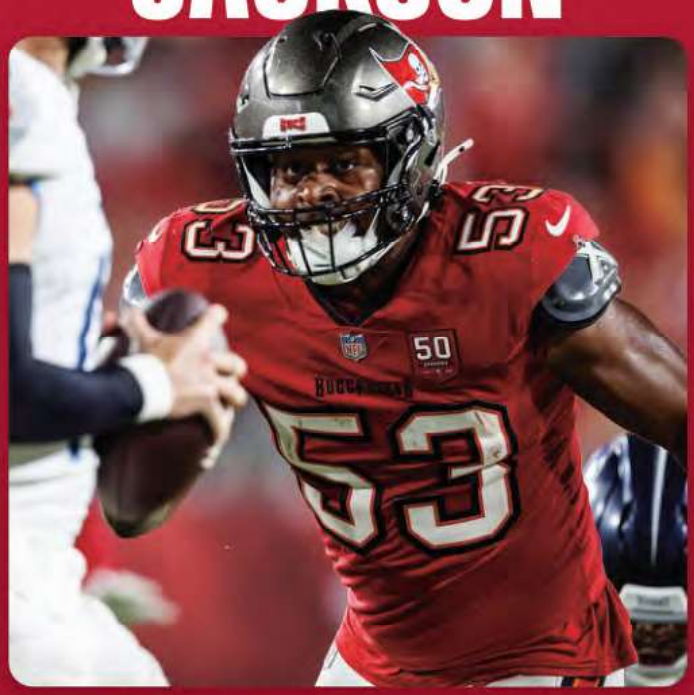

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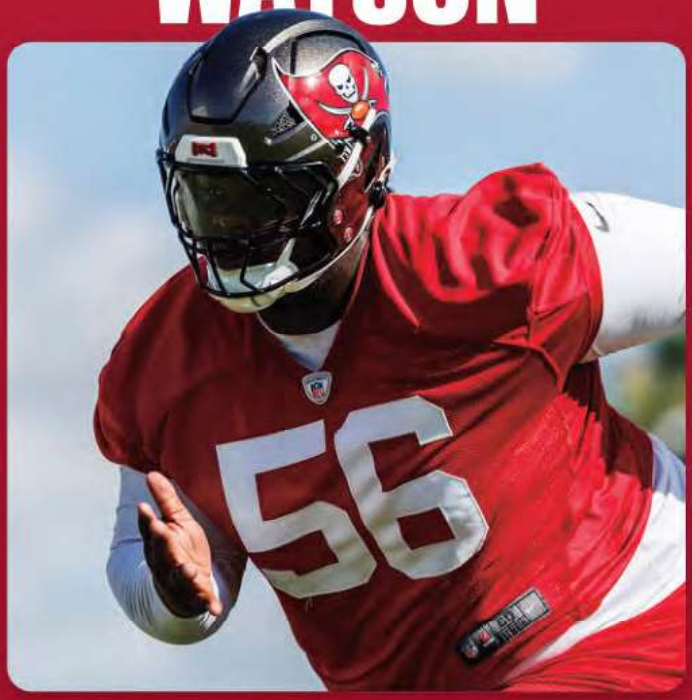

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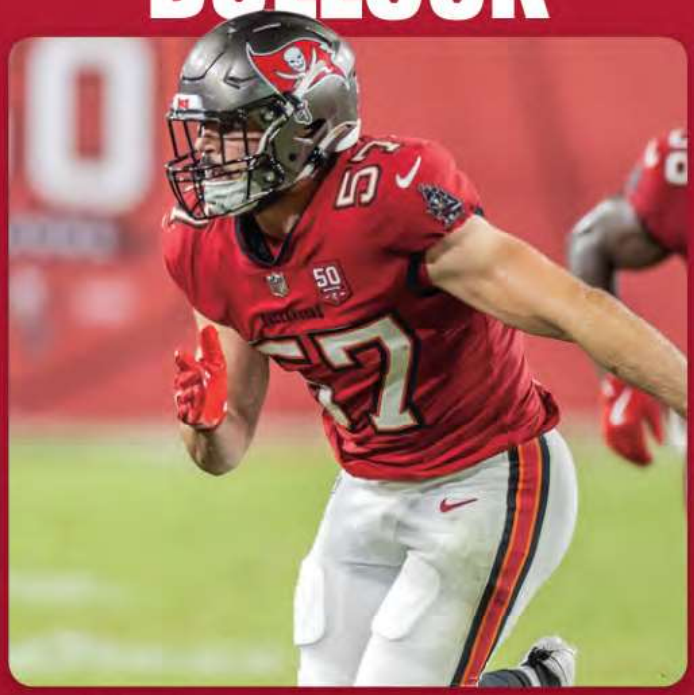

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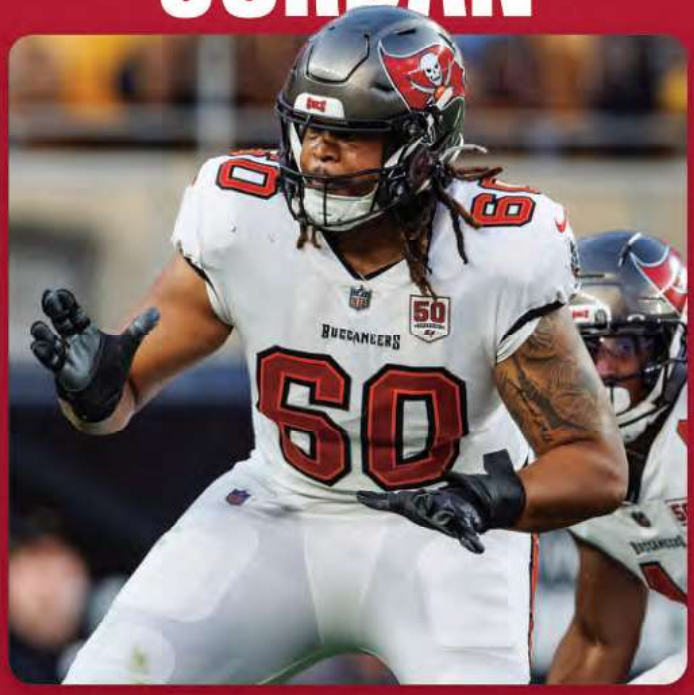

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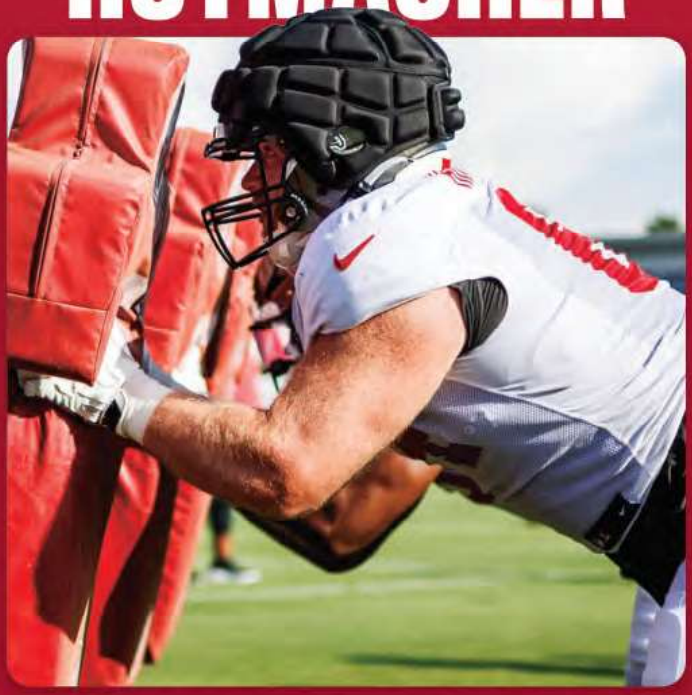

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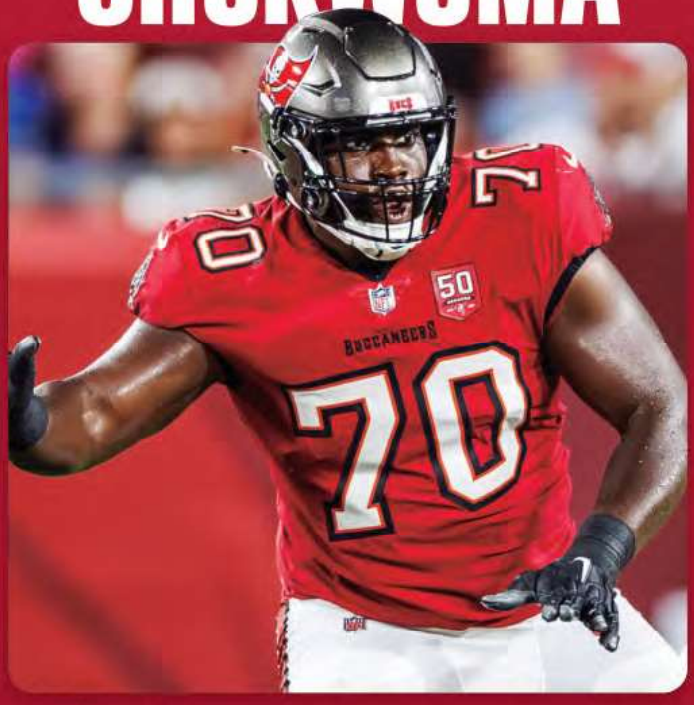

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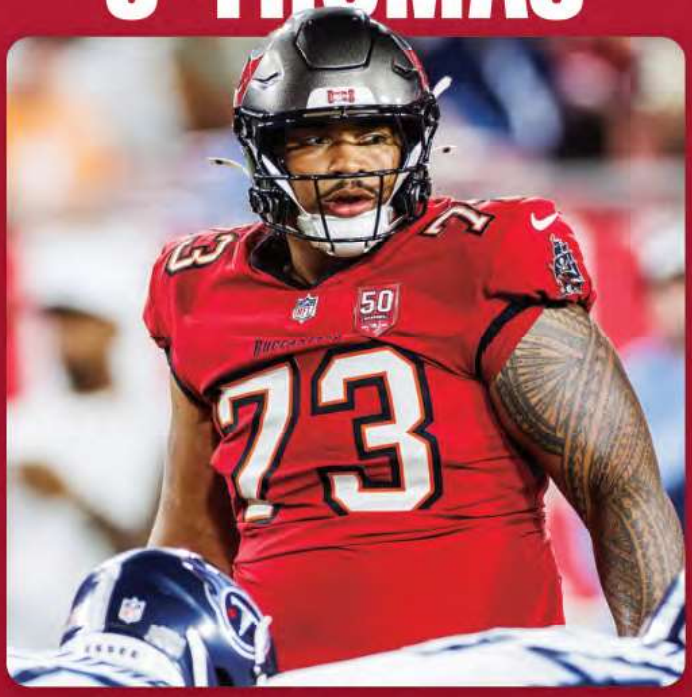

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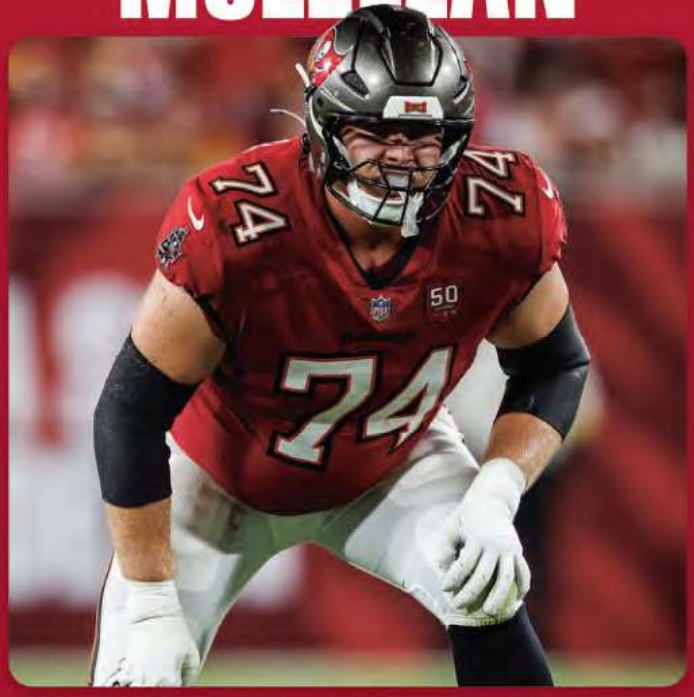

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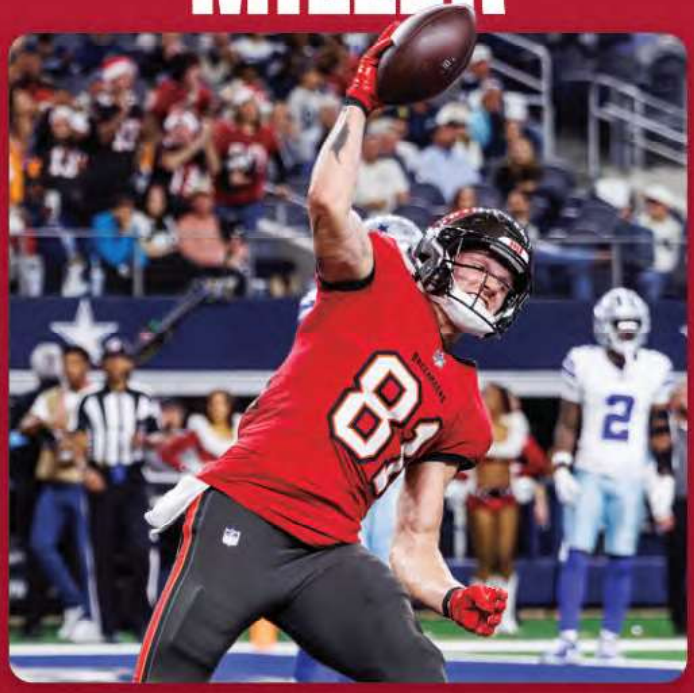

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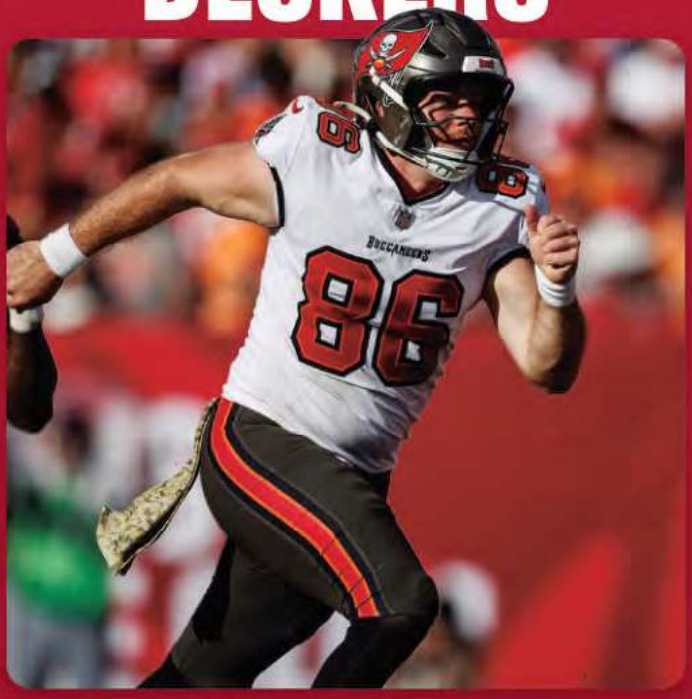

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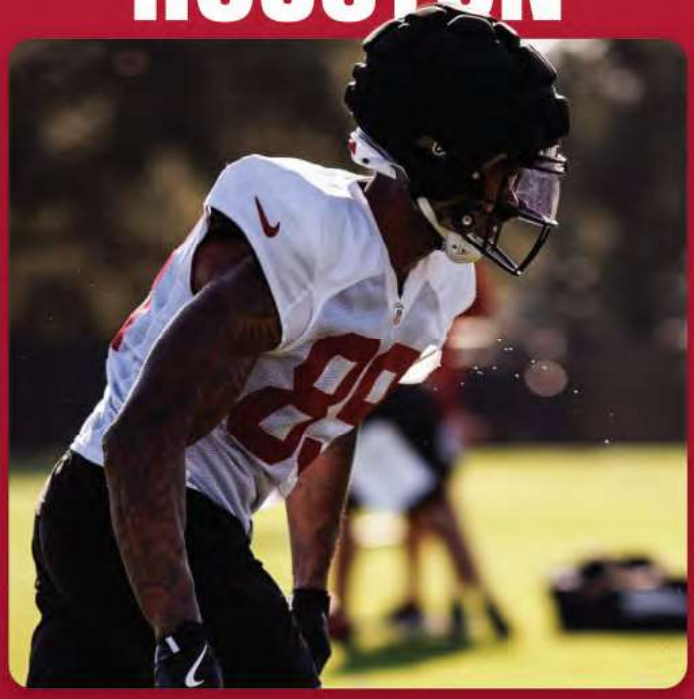

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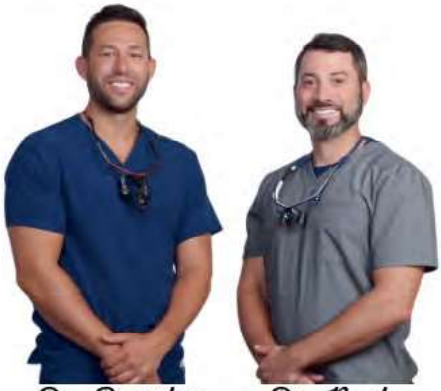

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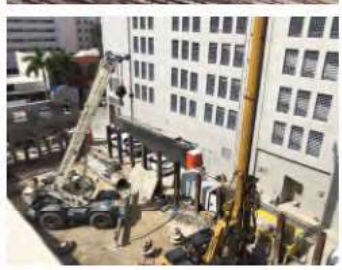

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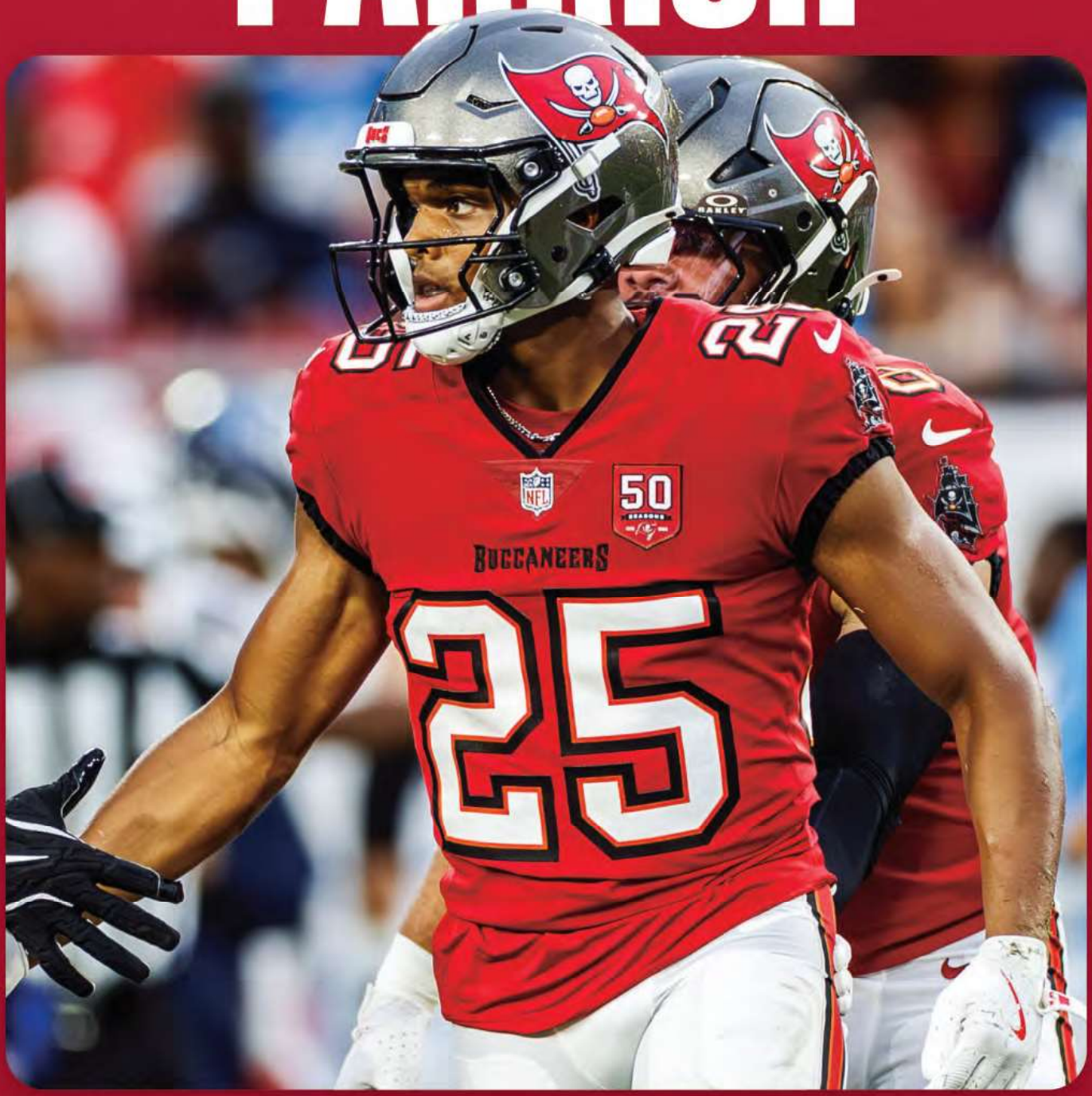

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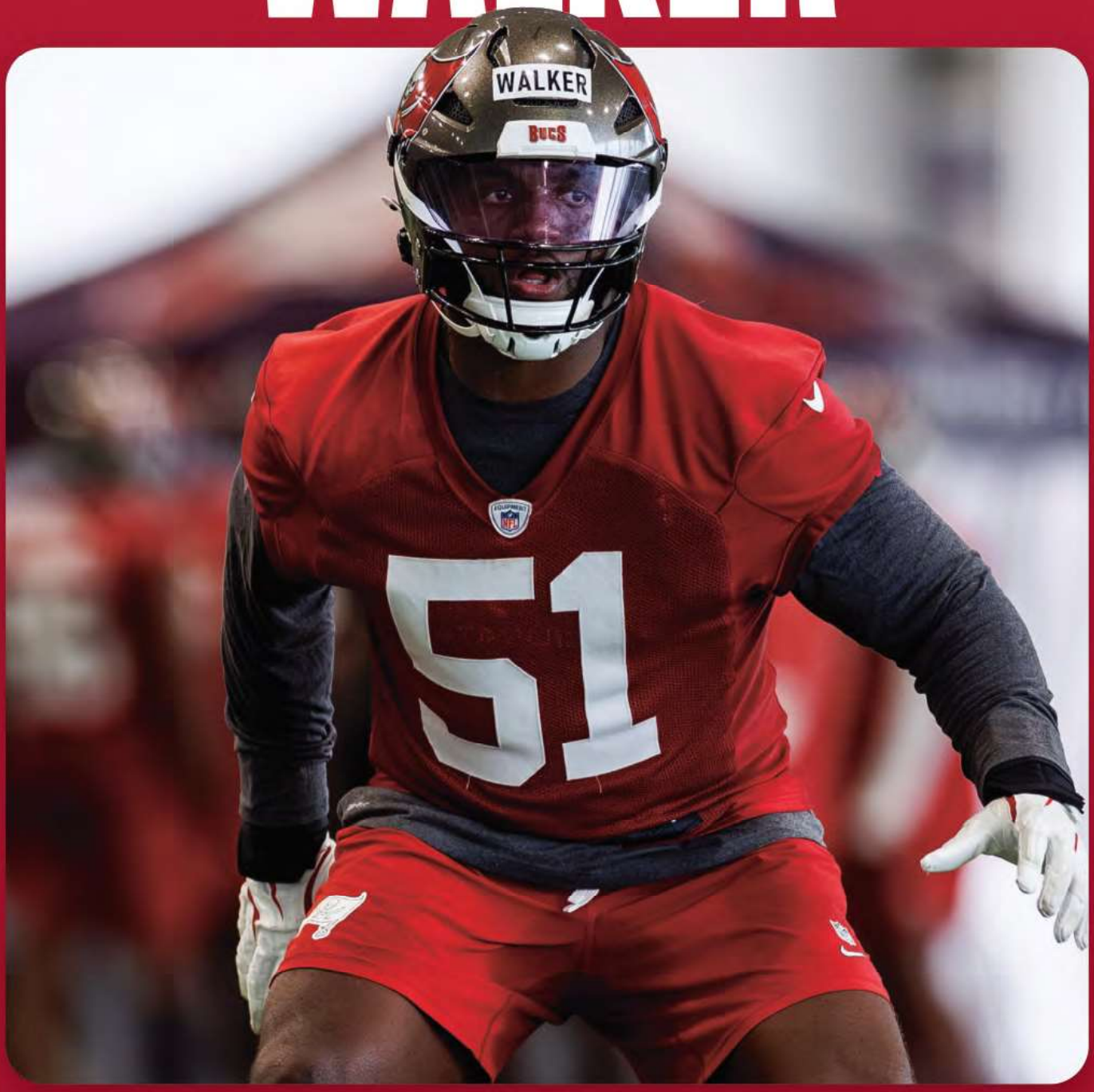

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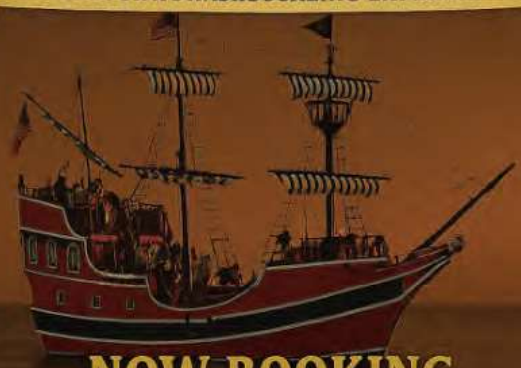

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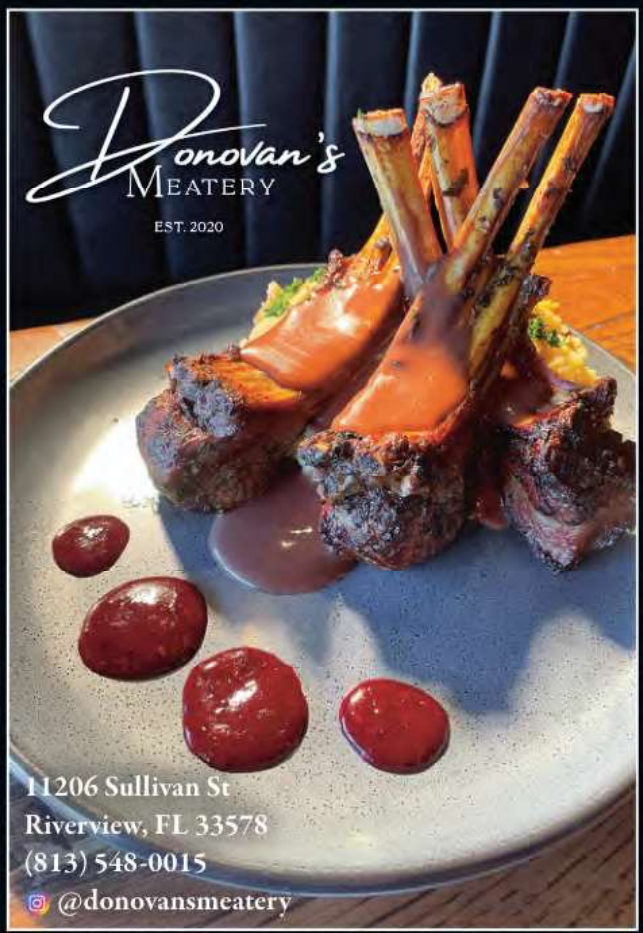

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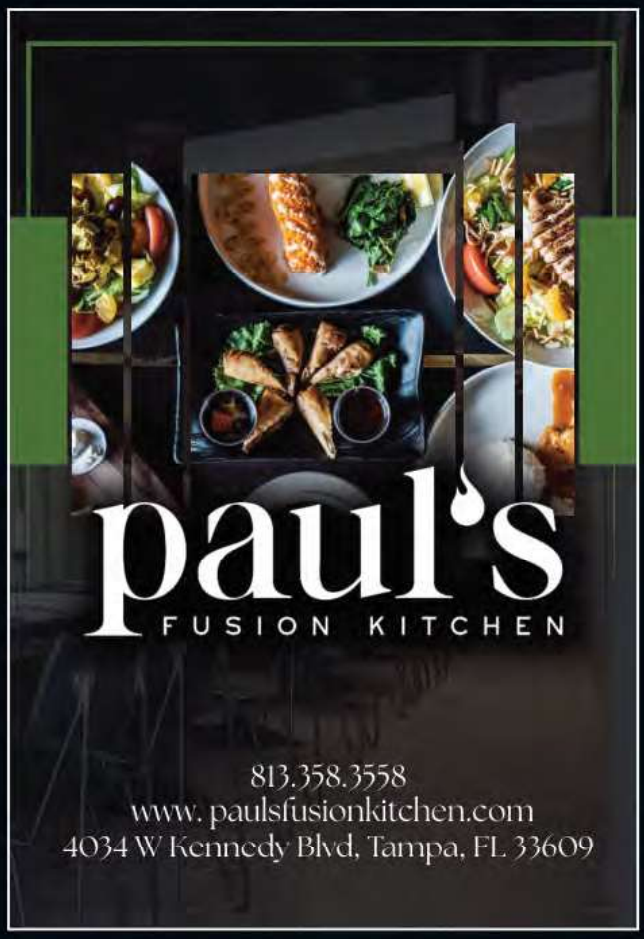
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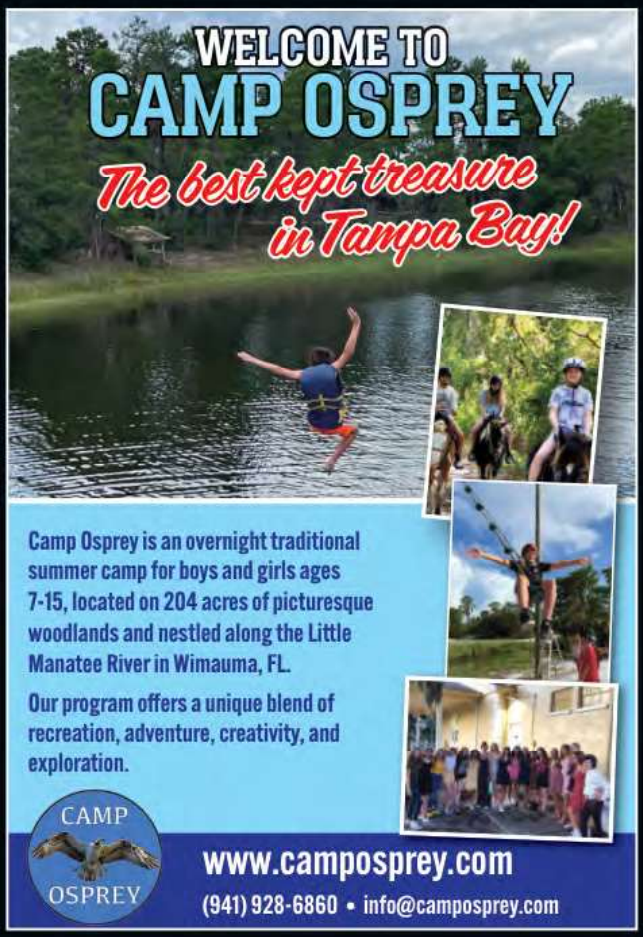
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20 CHEERLEADERS & STUNT TEAM 25

Since 1976, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheerleaders have served as ambassadors for one of the most distinguished franchises in the NFL, captivating Tampa Bay's avid fans, performing to worldwide acclaim, and cheering on the team to two Super Bowl titles.

The 27 athletes that comprise the dynamic squad are chosen from hundreds of candidates each year. On top of being talented performers, Buccaneers Cheerleaders represent a variety of professional fields including education, healthcare, real estate, dance, public policy and more. They are committed to supporting the Buccaneers on game days at Raymond James Stadium, as well as at community events and corporate appearances throughout the year.

In addition to their work in the West Central Florida region, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheerleaders serve as ambassadors for the organization all over the United States and beyond, traveling to locations in Asia, Europe, and Australia to entertain and connect with the best fans in the NFL.

New this season, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheerleaders proudly introduced a Stunt Team, featuring both co-ed and all-girl stunt groups, to elevate the game day experience with high-flying skills, elite partner stunting, and jaw-dropping athleticism. This exciting addition brings an electrifying new energy to the sidelines and showcases the team's continued evolution as a model of premier entertainment team in the NFL.

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